



USET Resolution No. 2009:050

PRESERVATION OF LONG SWAMP SITE

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-five (25) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** recent archaeological data recovery has been completed at a portion of archaeological site 9CK1, the Long Swamp Site, in Cherokee County, Georgia at SR 372 and the Etowah River; and
- WHEREAS,** preliminary analysis of artifacts and features from the Long Swamp Site are highly significant in that they offer a redefinition of Mississippian cultural period in north Georgia; and
- WHEREAS,** the eastern half, or mound side, of site 9CK1 is privately owned and is up for sale by the current landowner; and
- WHEREAS,** this part of Georgia is in an area of accelerated growth that threatens the preservation of the mound portion of 9CK1 with encroaching destruction from escalating development; and
- WHEREAS,** the Georgia Department of Transportation, through meaningful discussions with appropriate USET member Tribes, have been exploring creative measures to ensure the future protection of the Long Swamp Site, including, but not limited to, acquisition of said property through a preservation partnership; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors commends and supports the efforts of the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Archeological Conservancy, the Trust for Public Lands, the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, and other preservation partners for their efforts to partner resources in the acquisition and preservation of the Long Swamp Site.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, May 14, 2009.

Brian Patterson, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Robert McGhee, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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