



USET Resolution No. 2009:051

**FUNDING FOR RIGHTS PROTECTION AND FULFILLMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES
PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT**

- 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 of delegates from the member Tribes leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Caddo Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe residing in Oklahoma, whose ancestral homelands include northwest Louisiana, southwest Arkansas, northeast Texas and southeastern Oklahoma and is actively inundated by projects resulting in cultural items and ancestral human remains either being destroyed or intentionally excavated archeologically; and
- WHEREAS,** the Caddo Nation, under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 [Public Law 101-106; 25 U.S.C. 3001-3013; 104 stat. 3048-3058] (NAGPRA), and its implementing regulations 43CFR10 has repatriated culturally affiliated human remains, associated funerary objects, unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony from federal agencies, universities and museums throughout the southeast United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the NAGPRA regulations were developed to create a systematic process in determining the rights of culturally affiliated descendants to certain Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony with which they are affiliated; and
- WHEREAS,** the Caddo Nation, through the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs is hereby requesting the Secretary of Interior under the Caddo Nation Constitution and by-laws ratified on November 15, 1938, enter into a Public Law 93-638 contract or a funding mechanism through the U.S. Government, Department of Interior, specifically, for Rights Protection; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the Caddo Nation, and requests that the Secretary of Interior enter into a 93-638 contract and/or create a funding mechanism with the Caddo Nation and other qualifying Indian Tribes for the preservation of objects or cultural patrimony.

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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