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USET SPF Resolution No. 2019 SPF:019

CALLING ON CONGRESS TO FUND ESSENTIAL HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CAPACITY BUILDING FOR ALL TRIBAL NATIONS

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-seven (27) federally recognized Tribal Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET SPF Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribal Nation, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribal Nations' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** Congress and the Administration have a trust obligation to assist Tribal Nations to protect all citizens, Native and non-Native, within their jurisdictions; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal Nations' Homeland Security and Emergency Management Departments are often the first, and many times, the only responders to disasters in Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** since 2003, Congress has allocated over \$55 billion in homeland security grant funds to state and local governments but, at the same time, has only allocated just over \$70 million in homeland security grant funding to Tribal Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** a minimum of 1.5 full time equivalent (FTE's) would be required per Tribal Nations to meet the minimum homeland security and emergency management requirements set by the Homeland Security Act and the Robert T. Stafford Act along with standards developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Fire Administration, the National Fire Protection Association, and the Emergency Management Accreditation Program; and
- WHEREAS,** providing each of the 573 federally recognized Tribal Nations with \$360,000 annually to develop and sustain core homeland security and emergency management capabilities would total \$206 million; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the National Institute of Building Sciences, an investment by the federal government in Tribal homeland security and emergency management capabilities would provide a return on investment of six dollars for every dollar invested; and
- WHEREAS,** in December 2010, the United States recognized the rights of its First Peoples through its support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), whose provisions and principles support and promote the purposes of this resolution; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET SPF Board of Directors calls upon Congress to annually appropriate \$206 million for non-competitive grants to all 573 federally recognized Tribal Nations, totaling

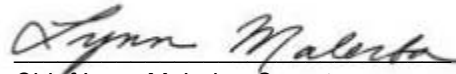
\$360,000 per Tribal Nation, for essential homeland security and emergency management capacity building.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET SPF Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA on March 7, 2019.



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