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USET SPF Resolution No. 2019 SPF:022

SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF NANTUCKET SOUND AS A TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTY

- 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,** since time immemorial, the Wampanoag of Gay Head (Aquinnah) and Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Nations have relied on Nantucket Sound to provide sustenance for their citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** Nantucket Sound is a sacred place, with a rich cultural Tribal heritage that has been designated a traditional cultural property eligible for listing on the National Register for Historic Places; and
- WHEREAS,** Nantucket Sound has many different species of wildlife, including federally-protected species, along with seals, porpoises, turtles and whales, while providing a sustainable commercial and recreational fishery; and
- WHEREAS,** Nantucket Sound, Cape Cod and the Islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket are an integral part of the maritime history of the United States of America and the adjacent lands are home to numerous historic properties, including the National Historic Landmarks of Nantucket Island and the Kennedy Compound in Hyannis Port; and
- WHEREAS,** the history, culture, ecology and traditions of Nantucket Sound are being threatened by wind farms and other sources of energy production; and
- WHEREAS,** protection for the historic, environmental, cultural and Tribal resources of Nantucket Sound are of paramount importance, while allowing for continued commercial and recreational fishing and other ecologically and economical sustainable uses of the marine environment, including the siting of electrical transmission infrastructure from responsibly-sited clean energy projects); 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 supports legislation designating Nantucket Sound as a Traditional Cultural Property in the National Register of Historic Landmarks.

CERTIFICATION

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



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Chief Lynn Malerba, Secretary
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