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USET Resolution No. 2010:030

**SUPPORT OF THE NOMINEE FOR THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR
MINORITY VETERANS**

- 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,** the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans (Advisory Committee) serves to provide the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with reports, studies, and information on the needs of minority group Veterans in order to better address those needs; and
- WHEREAS,** it is an appropriate time to examine the make-up of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) representation on the Advisory Committee as there are three AI/AN representatives whose terms of office are scheduled to conclude; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a need to include a minimum of four AI/ANs Advisory Committee representatives from the following geographic areas: Alaska, Hawaii, east and west; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the representation of a minimum of four American Indians/Alaska Natives to the Advisory Committee for Minority Veterans; and, be it further,
- RESOLVED** the four American Indian/Alaska Native representatives to the Advisory Committee for Minority Veterans shall consist of one Alaska Native; one Hawaiian Native; and two American Indians of which one of the American Indians shall be a member/Veteran Tribe of USET; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors recommends the nomination of Hiawatha Brown of the Narragansett Indian Tribe to serve on behalf of USET for the new term of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Mobile, AL, on Thursday, June 17, 2010.

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

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