



## United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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### USET Resolution No. 2014:025

#### UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC. INDIAN HEALTH CARE FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) 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 USET Health Committee has identified the following funding priorities to support the advancement of Indian Health Programs within the Indian Health Service (IHS):
1. Restore Sequestration Cuts from Fiscal Year 2013
  2. Maintain Current Services
  3. Purchased and Referred Care (formerly Contract Health Services)
  4. Contract Support Costs
- WHEREAS,** the United States has a special trust responsibility to Indian Tribes that is confirmed through various treaties and executive orders; and
- WHEREAS,** this special relationship must be considered when analyzing budget priorities in adherence to the President's sound fiscal responsibility and deficit reduction efforts; 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 Board of Directors calls for the exemption of all Indian programs from any mandatory budget reductions that may be imposed for Fiscal Year 2014 and beyond; and, be it finally
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors respectfully requests the United States Congress to support the identified funding priorities to advance the Indian Health Programs within the Indian Health Service Nashville Area.

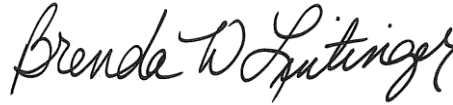
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**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 6, 2014.



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



Brenda Lintinger, Secretary  
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