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USET Resolution No. 2009:037

ENDORSEMENT OF ROBERT MCGHEE AS COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- 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 Commissioner of Administration for Native Americans within the Department of Health and Human Services is a position charged with carrying out the Federal Government's trust responsibility and fostering the government-to-government relationship between the Federal Government and American Indian and Alaskan Native Tribal Governments; and
- WHEREAS,** the Obama Administration intends to nominate an individual to oversee the Administration for Native Americans policies mandated by law and treaty; and
- WHEREAS,** Robert McGhee, Tribal Council Member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians has fifteen years experience engaged in Indian Affairs; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. McGhee has an in-depth understanding of national Indian issues, expertise in policy development and implementation, and the ability to achieve a consensus among the various Indian Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Board of Directors believes that Mr. McGhee has the talent and expertise to meet the challenges of the Office of Commissioner of Administration for Native Americans as well as to actualize the objectives of the Administration; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors unequivocally endorses the nomination and appointment of Robert McGhee to the position of Office of Commissioner of Administration for Native Americans; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET member Tribes will forward letters from their respective governments supporting the nomination and appointment of Robert McGhee to the position of Office of Commissioner of Administration for Native Americans within the Department of Health and Human Services.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 12, 2009.

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

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

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