



## United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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### USET Resolution No. 2014:059

#### PREPARING STUDENTS FOR LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

- 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 member Tribes support higher education as a path toward defending Tribal sovereignty and strengthening Tribal homeland; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal Leaders have acknowledged the need and desire for educated youth of their nations to return to their homelands and take on leadership roles; and
- WHEREAS,** USET member Tribes are charged to engage directly in youth development in order to fulfill their leadership responsibility; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal youth have specifically identified their needs regarding preparation for their educational journey; 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 supports efforts of its member Tribes to directly engage and partner with institutions of higher learning to develop and fund programs for the support of our Tribal youth; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the development of programs for Tribal youth to include summer work programs, the establishment of Native specific grant programs and other financial support programs to ensure the success of our Native students.

#### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Bar Harbor, ME, June 4, 2014.

Brian Patterson, President  
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Brenda Lintinger, Secretary  
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