



# United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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### **USET Resolution No. 2014:060**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION FUND FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BECOME COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION FUND CERTIFIED**

- 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 United States Department of Treasury administers the Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) which was established to build capacity among organizations that serve low-income individuals and communities that lack access to affordable financial products and services; and
- WHEREAS,** the CDFI provides grant funding through its Technical Assistance (TA) program, up to \$150,000, to certify an organization so it may develop needed resources to promote economic and community development, including credit counseling, revolving loan fund administration, hiring staff, training and technical assistance, and planning; and
- WHEREAS,** the CDFI does not require a match in order to be awarded TA funding; and
- WHEREAS,** the CDFI will provide TA funding for three years and requires that an annual proposal be submitted; and
- WHEREAS,** becoming CDFI certified has been identified as an objective in the USET Fiscal Year 2014-2016 Long Term Strategic Plan and in the FY2014 USET Short Term Strategic Plan; 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 authorizes the USET Executive Director to submit a proposal to the United States Department of Treasury Community Development Financial Institution Fund seeking financial support to create economic development resources for USET member Tribes and to gain Community Development Financial Institution certification for USET; therefore, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors approves a proposal submission to United States Department of Treasury Community Development Financial Institution Fund for Technical Assistance until USET's eligibility expires under this program.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

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

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

Brenda Lintinger, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.