



## United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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### **USET Resolution No. 2015:002**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE CREATION OF A REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

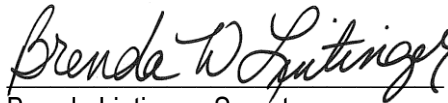
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development administers the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) program to assist with the growth of business by providing financial support to assist with land purchases, renovate buildings, technical assistance, equipment purchases, and other business functions; and
- WHEREAS,** the USDA has an American Indian set-aside for RBEG funding as well as state allocations in its annual competitions for funding; and
- WHEREAS,** USET has documented need from its member Tribes for greater access to capital and credit to help create and develop business and economic development opportunities and initiatives; and
- WHEREAS,** RBEG funding would support USET's efforts to create a revolving loan fund to promote economic development; 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 carry out the work required to submit a proposal to United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development's Rural Business Enterprise Grant program seeking financial support for the development of a revolving loan fund; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors authorizes the USET Executive Director to employ any in-kind contributions or financial resources that will meet the non-federal matching contributions requirements to receive maximum points; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors approves the submission of an application to the United States Department of Agriculture for the next grant competition cycle to be announced.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Verona, NY on Thursday, December 4, 2014.



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



Brenda Lintinger, Secretary  
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*“Because there is strength in Unity”*