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USET Resolution No. 2015:014

SUPPORT OF THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE NASHVILLE AREA PROPOSAL TO MAKE TRIBAL PROGRAM, SERVICES, FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES SHARES RECURRING BASED ON FISCAL YEAR 2014 AMOUNTS

- 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 (U.S.) Government and each federally recognized Indian Tribe has a government-to-government relationship grounded in numerous historical, political, legal, moral, and ethical considerations; and
- WHEREAS,** it is essential that Indian Tribes and U.S. Departments/Operating Divisions/Agencies engage in open continuous, and meaningful consultation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indian Health Service (IHS) was one of the first agencies to build upon the government-to-government relationship by developing an agency Tribal Consultation Policy; and
- WHEREAS,** through this policy the IHS Nashville Area Office (NAO) has initiated consultation on the Tribal Program, Services, Functions and Activities (PFSA) shares for Tribes within the Nashville Area; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1993, the IHS has utilized a proportional shares methodology to determine individual Tribal shares; and
- WHEREAS,** in order to conform with standard IHS practices and to alleviate the need to negotiate the Tribal funding base each year, the IHS has proposed to Tribes that they agree to make Tribal shares recurring based on 2014 funding levels; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Health Committee has reviewed the recommendations in detail and have had lengthy discussions on the advantages and disadvantages of shifting from a proportional shares methodology to a recurring base amount; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Health Committee is in agreement with the IHS NAO proposal and respectfully recommends to the USET Board of Directors that they support the proposal; 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

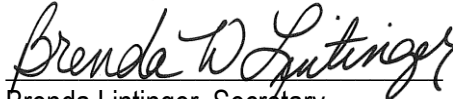
RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors supports the Indian Health Service Nashville Area Office’s proposal to move from a proportional shares methodology to a recurring base funding allocation based on fiscal year 2014 amounts.

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”