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USET Resolution No. 2015:024

SUPPORT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET REQUEST FOR INDIAN HEALTHCARE

- 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,** since at least 1975 the fundamental policy of Congress with respect to American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) Tribes/Villages has been to encourage the policy of self-determination and self-governance; and
- WHEREAS,** as part of the Federal Government's unique political relationship with Tribal Governments, the Indian Health Service (IHS), in partnership with Indian Tribes, provides health care to federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** an estimated two million AI/AN citizens will be eligible beneficiaries for IHS services in 2015; and
- WHEREAS,** in order to provide quality services, adequate appropriations are required to make a positive impact on the health status of the AI/AN population; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Presidents Budget supports the missions of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), IHS, and Tribal Governments by requesting increased appropriations to Purchased and Referred Care, Health Information Technology, Contract Support Costs, Population Growth and Inflation as well as other important line items; and
- WHEREAS,** the President's Budget proposes to fully fund Contract Support Costs and move this line item from the discretionary category to the mandatory line; and
- WHEREAS,** the FY16 budget request for the IHS is \$5.1 billion, a net increase of \$486 million over the FY 15 budget; 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 appreciates, endorses and supports the FY 2016 President's Budget Request; and, be it further

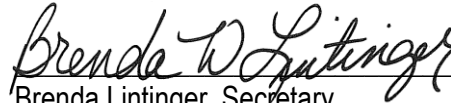
RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors respectfully requests the United States Congress to support the requested increases and add additional increases to assist the Indian Health Service and Tribal Governments to further meet the full health care delivery service needs of the American Indian and Alaska Native population.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, February 12, 2015.



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



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