



## United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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**USET Resolution No. 2016:010****AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS SUSTAINABLE  
AND EMPLOYMENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribal Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribal Nation, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribal Nation's leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) provides funding opportunities to American Indian/Alaska Native Tribal Nations that submit proposals supporting the goals and objectives of its Sustainable and Employment Economic Development Strategies (SEEDS) criteria; and
- WHEREAS,** due to historical trauma, unemployment, geographic barriers, the need for a trained labor force, limited access to training and technical assistance, and out-migration, there exists a need for economic development programs within Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** if the noted problems are left unaddressed, poverty, crime, and drug abuse will continue to increase, resulting in overall deterioration of Tribal Nation community environments; and
- WHEREAS,** in varying degrees, these conditions exist within USET member Tribal Nations where there is a limited capacity for economic development and growth opportunity; and
- WHEREAS,** USET Leadership has set a goal in its strategic plan to establish economic development resources in the USET region that support Tribal Nation rebuilding and improve the standards of living for USET member Tribal Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** this grant proposal meets the USET goals and objectives "to lift the bitter yoke of poverty from our people through cooperative effort," and "to dedicate ourselves to improvement of the quality of life of American Indians through increased health, education, social services, and housing opportunities;" 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 Administration for Native Americans under the Sustainable Employment and Economic Development Strategies criteria seeking financial assistance to create and establish economic

development resources for USET member Tribal Nations and commits the necessary resources that will meet the non-federal matching contributions requirements; and, be it further

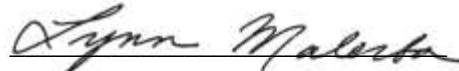
**RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors approves the application submission to Administration for Native Americans for the next grant cycle in Fiscal Year 2016.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Choctaw, MS, on October 28, 2015.



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



Lynn Malerba, Secretary  
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*“Because there is strength in Unity”*