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USET SPF Resolution No. 2016:026

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ANNUAL JOINT USET SPF AND NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PRESERVATION ROUNDTABLE MEETING


- WHEREAS,** USET Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribal Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET SPF 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,** in the week prior to the USET SPF 2016 Impact Week Meeting, the National Register of Historic Places (NHRP) met with four USET SPF member Tribal Nations and USET SPF staff in a roundtable discussion focused on Ceremonial Stone Landscapes (CSL) and determinations of eligibility for listing on the NHRP, and strategies that include a Multiple Property Listing Document submitted by Tribal Nations to NRHP to encompass CSL in both contiguous and dis-contiguous landscape districts; and
- WHEREAS,** the roundtable discussions between NRHP and participating USET SPF member Tribal Nations were focused on a mutually agreed upon protocol for ceremonial stone landscape identification, mapping and Tribal certification which is known as the "Indigenous American Ceremonial Stone Landscapes of the Northeast," and which was Tribal Historic Preservation Officers ratified in September 2015; and
- WHEREAS,** the roundtable discussions among invited federal, state, private and concerned Tribal Nations parties, were highly effective, and officials at the National Register invited the USET SPF representatives to make this two day roundtable discussion an annual event; and
- WHEREAS,** the roundtable fostered a deeper appreciation by the National Register of the threatened status of ceremonial stone landscapes and prompted a spirit of promised collaboration and strategies for more effective historic preservation; 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 SPF Board of Directors commits to co-hosting an annual USET SPF National Register of Historic Places Preservation Roundtable Meeting in the week prior to the annual USET SPF Impact Week, in collaboration with the National Register of Historic Places, and the purpose and scope of the annual Roundtable Meeting are to be a mutually agreed upon, invitational, theme driven discussion of historic preservation matters of significance to Tribal Nations.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET SPF Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, February 11, 2016.



Brian Patterson, President
USET Sovereignty Protection Fund



Chief Lynn Malerba, Secretary
USET Sovereignty Protection Fund

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