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USET Resolution No. 2016:038

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR CONTINUED PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYSIS AND DISEASE SURVEILLANCE THROUGH THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE EPIDEMIOLOGY PROGRAM FOR AMERICAN INDIANS/ALASKA NATIVES

- 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 Nations' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** USET is fully committed to the goal of providing epidemiological services that support ongoing improvement of Tribal public health infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Tribal Epidemiology Center (TEC) has been integral to supporting Tribal Nations and Tribal health programs working to improve the overall health and well-being of Tribal citizens by providing data improvement, statistics, and programmatic support; and
- WHEREAS,** in order to address public health gaps, meet the needs of federally recognized Tribal Nations, and honor the unique government-to-government relationship between Tribal Nations and the United States, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act established TECs in each of the twelve Indian Health Service (IHS) Areas and deemed these centers public health authorities; and
- WHEREAS,** as public health authorities, TECs are required to carry out the following functions: (1) collect data relating to and monitor progress made toward meeting each of the health status objectives of the IHS, Tribal Nations, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations in a given Service area; (2) evaluate existing delivery systems, data systems, and other systems that impact the improvement of Indian health; (3) assist Tribal Nations, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations in identifying highest-priority health status objectives and the services needed to achieve those objectives, based on epidemiological data; (4) make recommendations for the targeting of services needed by the populations served; (5) make recommendations to improve health care delivery systems for Indians and urban Indians; (6) provide requested technical assistance to Tribal Nations, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations in the development of local health service priorities, and incidence and prevalence rates of disease and other illness in the community; and (7) provide disease surveillance and assist Tribal Nations, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian communities to promote public health; and
- WHEREAS,** TECs provide valuable technical support and data analysis to Tribal Nations to assist with making informed decisions about setting health priorities and identifying appropriate interventions; and

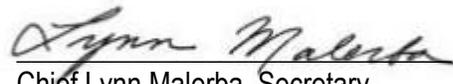
- WHEREAS,** continued funding is needed to maintain the services that the USET TEC provides to Tribal Nations in the Nashville Area and to fulfill its role as a public health authority; and
- WHEREAS,** to exemplify “Strength in Unity,” the USET member Tribal Nations have entrusted USET to develop and implement programs on behalf of them and the approximately 56,000 Tribal citizens residing in the Nashville Area; and
- WHEREAS,** the IHS Epidemiology Program for American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes and Urban Indian Communities Cooperative Agreement was released on April 19, 2016 for a new five-year funding cycle; and
- WHEREAS,** USET member Tribal Nations support the continued efforts of the USET TEC and are actively involved in the strategic planning of a new five-year award; 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), who’s provisions and principles support and promote the purposes of this resolution; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to prepare and submit a new funding application for the Indian Health Service Tribal Epidemiology Center Cooperative Agreement (HS-U1B11-16-001-056176) to continue the important work of the USET Tribal Epidemiology Center.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Atmore, AL, May 18, 2016.



Brian Patterson, President
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Chief Lynn Malerba, Secretary
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“Because there is strength in Unity”