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USET SPF Resolution No. 2017 SPF: 016

FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

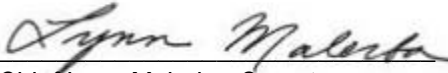
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribal Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET SPF Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribal Nation, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribal Nations' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is in the process of formulating the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 budget for submission to the United States (U.S) Department of Interior; and
- WHEREAS,** through regional consultation, Tribal Nations are afforded the opportunity to determine the regional priority needs to be reflected in the regional BIA budget process; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET SPF Tribal Nations have identified Tribal priorities for inclusion in the FY 2019 BIA Eastern Region Testimony based on Tribal feedback; and
- WHEREAS,** in December 2010, the U.S. 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 determines that the priorities for Fiscal Year 2019 Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Region Testimony will be Social Services with an allocation of 23 percent of the total proposed 8 percent funding increase, Scholarships and Adult Education with an allocation of 21 percent, Indian Child Welfare Act with an allocation of 20 percent, Tribal Courts with an allocation of 18 percent and Aid to Tribal Government with an allocation of 18 percent.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET SPF Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, February 9, 2017.



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Chief Lynn Malerba, Secretary
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