



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2001:23

APPOINTMENT, ENDORSEMENT, AND SUPPORT OF USET TRIBAL LEADERS TO INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE COMMITTEES/WORKGROUPS

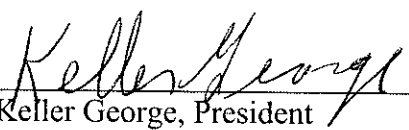
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising twenty-four (24) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indian Health Service (IHS) under the direction of Dr. Michael H. Trujillo, Assistant Surgeon General has developed and implemented a Tribal Consultation and Participation Policy; and
- WHEREAS,** in accordance with the established consultation policy the IHS has created committees/workgroups inclusive of tribal leaders, tribal/tribal organization staff, and IHS staff to develop policies and/or practices for funds distribution and service delivery to tribes and the American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) they serve; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indian Health Service has established the following committees/workgroups: 1) the Core Budget Formulation Team; 2) Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee, 3) Level of Need Funded Study Workgroup; 4) Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act National Steering Committee; and 5) Tribal Leaders Diabetes Advisory Committee; and
- WHEREAS,** the aforementioned committees/workgroups have been established to include tribal participation in the development and implementation of decisions that affect the communities they serve; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Board of Directors **does not** consider the work completed by the aforementioned groups as formal consultation due to the fact that formal tribal consultation occurs on a government-to-government basis with individual Tribal Governments; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** the USET Board of Directors Appoints, Endorses and Supports the following individuals to serve on the committees/workgroups as advisors on behalf of the USET member tribes: 1) Core Budget Formulation Team-Governor Richard Stevens, Passamaquoddy-Indian Township; 2) Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee-1st Delegate-Chairperson Beverly Wright, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), 2nd Delegate-Council Member Buford Rolin, Poarch Band of Creek Indians; 3) Level of Need Funded Study Workgroup-Chief Brenda Commander, Houlton Band of Maliseet Tribe; 4) Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act National Steering Committee-1st Delegate-Chief Alma Ransom, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, 2nd Delegate-Chief Gilbert Blue, Catawba Indian Nation; 5) Tribal Leaders Diabetes Advisory Committee-1st Delegate-Council Member Buford Rolin, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, 2nd Delegate-Chief Leon Jones, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; be it further
- RESOLVED,** a tribal health director and/or a USET organization staff member will travel with each of these individuals to committee/workgroup meetings as a technical assistant; be it further

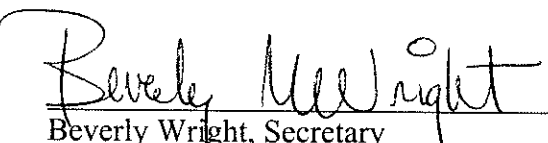
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RESOLVED, the work products completed by the appointed individuals as a result of committee/workgroup meetings convened by the IHS will not be considered final until such time as formal tribal consultation has taken place.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Verona, NY on Thursday, November 2, 2000.


Keller George, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.


Beverly Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.