



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:028

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC. TO CONTRACT ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS, SERVICES, FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FROM THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE-NASHVILLE AREA OFFICE

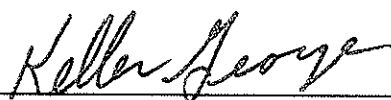
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe; as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** funding for Indian Health continues to be appropriated at levels far below what is needed thereby forcing tribes to look at more cost effective alternatives for provision of services; and
- WHEREAS,** to further compound the problem the Indian Health Service (IHS)-Nashville Area Office (NAO) has not been responsive to the needs of the USET tribes they serve largely due to federal regulations and mandates governing federal employees; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET organization has successfully operated a Health Information Office program for eight years, a diabetes program for five years, and an epidemiology center for three years on behalf of the USET member tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET organization is not as heavily regulated by federal regulations/mandates and as a result is in a better position to develop/plan/implement programs, services, functions and activities (PSFAs) that meet the priorities of USET tribal health care delivery systems; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Health Information Office has continued to develop/plan/implement new programs for the benefit of each USET member tribe and has the ability to use funds more effectively and efficiently than the federal government; and
- WHEREAS,** by virtue of its structure the USET Board of Directors will have more control over the direction of programs administered by USET; and
- WHEREAS,** as a result of USET Resolution No. 2002:090 the USET Health Information Officer prepared a Business Plan to Contract NAO OPH PSFAs, which was submitted and accepted by the USET Board and Health Committee; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors directs the USET Executive Director to: 1) submit a letter of intent to contract additional PSFAs to the NAO Director; 2) draft a sample resolution and send to member tribes for their use as a guide; and 3) begin implementing the approved business plan; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors request that the NAO staff provide all of the information and technical assistance necessary to ensure a smooth transition without interrupting services to tribes; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors understands that by accepting the USET Business Plan for Contracting Nashville Area Office of Public Health they are accepting the minimum period of commitment to the USET Medical Services Program, as well as all other provisions contained within the plan.

“Because there is strength in Unity”

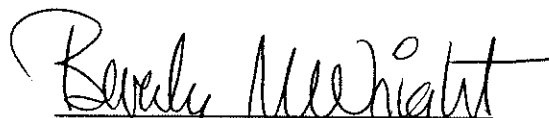
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CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board Meeting and EXPO, at which a quorum was present, in Uncasville, CT, Thursday, October 31, 2002.



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



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