



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:047

APPOINTMENT OF THE NASHVILLE AREA REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE HEALTH RESEARCH GROUP

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of 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,** USET is committed to eliminating health disparities for American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) communities; and
- WHEREAS,** it is essential that Tribes and all Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Divisions engage in open continuous, and meaningful consultation to achieve this goal; and
- WHEREAS,** the HHS Tribal Consultation Policy requires all HHS Divisions to consult with Tribes before any action is taken that will significantly affect Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Office of Minority Health (OMH) is soliciting participation in the development of the AI/AN Health Research Group. This group will consist of Tribal Leaders from the 12 Indian Health Service (IHS) Areas and the National Tribal Organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** the group will be charged with obtaining input from Tribes throughout Indian Country on health research priorities, provide a forum for which HHS Division representatives can better communicate and coordinate the work their respective organizations are doing in AI/AN health research, and to serve as a conduit for disseminating information to the Tribes about research findings; and
- WHEREAS,** recommendations provided by the Tribal Leaders and/or representatives will be an important source of information to focusing AI/AN research; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors nominates and supports Brenda Shore, Director—Tribal Health Program Support, USET to serve as the Nashville Area delegate; and Suzette Sheth, Health Director, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians to serve as alternate to the AI/AN Health Research Group.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Alexandria, VA, on Thursday, February 9, 2006.

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

Eddie L. Tullis, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.