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USET Resolution No. 2009:033

AUTHORIZATION FOR UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC. TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER FOR HEALTH GRANT

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-five (25) 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 fully committed to the goals of developing a cadre of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) scientists and health professionals, enhancing partnerships and reducing distrust of research by AI/AN communities and reducing health disparities; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal programs are under-funded and must seek additional funding sources to support an increase in the number of AI/AN scientists and health professionals available to serve their communities and to address health disparities; and
- WHEREAS,** additional funding is needed to allow for USET Leadership in developing, implementing and maintaining programs for the ultimate benefit of each member Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** it has been verified with the Indian Health Service (IHS) Technical Advisor on the Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) grant process that USET's application will not be competing for funding with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation's NARCH application on cancer research; and
- WHEREAS,** USET's application will not have a cancer focus and if funded, the USET NARCH project and the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation's NARCH project will compliment and fully cooperate with one another for the ultimate benefit of each member Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** to exemplify "Strength in Unity" the member Tribes have entrusted USET to develop and implement programs on their behalf; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors provides the Executive Director authority to prepare and submit application for a Native American Research Center for Health grant.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 12, 2009.

Brian Patterson, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Robert McGhee, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

"Because there is strength in Unity"