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USET SPF Resolution No. 2019 SPF:002

APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO FIRSTNET TRIBAL WORKING GROUP

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) is an Intertribal organization comprised of twenty-seven (27) 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 Middle-Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 created the First Responder Network Authority, also known as FirstNet, as an independent authority within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration; and
- WHEREAS,** the mission of FirstNet is to develop, build and operate the nationwide, broadband network that equips first responders to save lives and protect U.S. communities, including Tribal communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the FirstNet Board is committed to establishing nation-to-nation relationships with federally recognized Tribal Nations, has adopted a Tribal Consultation Policy, and formed a Tribal Working Group; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Working Group was formed to provide advice on Indian Country outreach, education, and inclusive engagement strategies; and ultimately, to involve federally recognized Tribal Nations in planning for and deployment of the FirstNet network; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Working Group is comprised of volunteer delegates from organizations with diverse geographic and disciplinary interests in Tribal public safety; and
- WHEREAS,** the FirstNet Board is seeking representation from USET SPF member Tribal Nations in the Southeast Region to serve on the Tribal Working Group; and
- WHEREAS,** in December 2010, the United States 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 appoints the following individuals to represent member Tribal Nations and their interests on the FirstNet Tribal Working Group:
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and, be it further

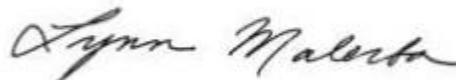
RESOLVED the USET SPF Board of Directors authorizes and empowers the appointed individuals to act and make recommendations/decisions on their behalf while attending the respective work group meetings and/or conference calls.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET SPF Annual Meeting held on the Sovereign Territory of the Seneca Nation of Indians, at which a quorum was present on October 11, 2018.



Chief Kirk E. Francis, Sr., President
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Chief Lynn Malerba, Secretary
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