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USET SPF Resolution No. 2020 SPF:007

NATIONAL HEALTH RELATED WORKGROUP AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) is an intertribal organization comprised of thirty (30) 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 United States (U.S.) Government and each federally recognized Tribal Nation has a government-to-government relationship grounded in numerous historical, political, legal, moral, and ethical considerations; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that Tribal Nations and U.S. Departments/Operating Divisions engage in open, continuous, and meaningful consultation; and

WHEREAS, the importance of Tribal Consultation with Indian Tribal Governments was affirmed through Presidential Memoranda (1994, 2004 & 2009) and a subsequent Executive Order (2000); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was the first to develop and implement a Tribal Consultation process under the Presidential directives; and

WHEREAS, the development of a Tribal Consultation process was completed with direct involvement of Tribal Governmental representatives, including USET staff; and

WHEREAS, a variety of committees/workgroups have been developed to facilitate meaningful consultation with Tribal Governments on issues that impact them and to promote Tribal Nation participation in the decision-making process to the greatest extent possible; 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 following Department of Health and Human Services committees/workgroups:

- 1. Indian Health Service Nashville Area Budget Formulation Technical Team**
 - a. Dee Sabattus, Health Director, Passamaquoddy Tribe – Indian Township
 - b. Edie Baker, Health & Elder Services Division Director, Poarch Band of Creek Indians
 - c. Tina Scott, Acting Health Director, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

- d. Tonya Cornwell, Health Services Administrator, Catawba Indian Nation
- e. Michelle Barrows, Health Director, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
- f. Kerry Hawk Lessard, Executive Director, Native American Lifelines

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 committee and/or workgroup meetings and/or conference calls; and be it further

RESOLVED this resolution shall be the policy of USET SPF until it is withdrawn or modified by a subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET SPF Annual Meeting held on the Sovereign Territory of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, at which a quorum was present, on November 7, 2019.



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