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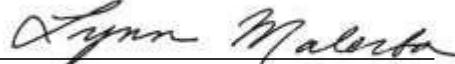
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHRIS THOMPSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-seven (27) federally recognized Tribal Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET 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,** Vibrant Tribal economies are critical to building strong Tribal communities and reinforce Tribal sovereignty; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal Nations throughout the USET region employ a wide range of individuals with unique skills through their innovation, dedication and contributions to the economic development success in a USET member Tribal Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Recognizing USET's call to action of "Strength in Unity" where Tribal Nations and their citizens can seek to learn, share best practices, and establish models of excellence that can be applied throughout Indian country; 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** USET will establish the "Chris Thompson Economic Development Professional Excellence Award" to recognize Tribal professionals and their innovation, dedication and contributions to economic development success in USET member Tribal Nation communities.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed by the USET Executive Officers, at which a quorum was present on October 8, 2019.


Chief Kirk E. Francis, Sr., President
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Chief Lynn Malerba, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Because there is Strength in Unity

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