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## USET SPF Resolution No. 2020 SPF:001

### APPOINTMENT TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- 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,** 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 and coordination with Tribal Governments is affirmed through Executive Order (EO) 13175 (November 2000); and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was the first to develop and implement a Tribal Consultation policy in accordance with EO 13175; and
- WHEREAS,** the development of a Tribal Consultation policy was completed with meaningful involvement of Tribal Governmental representatives; and
- WHEREAS,** a variety of committees/workgroups have been developed to facilitate meaningful consultation with Tribal Governments and to promote Indian Tribal Nations' 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 Board of Directors appoints the following individuals to represent member Tribal Nations and their interests on the following Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee:
- National Institutes of Health Tribal Advisory Committee (NIHTAC)**
- a. Primary - Beverly Cook, Chief, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
  - b. Technical Representative - Christy Duke, Senior Epidemiologist, United South and Eastern Tribes

**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  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Chief Lynn Malerba, Secretary  
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