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## USET Resolution No. 2020:004

### **AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A NEW SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACT MODEL AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of thirty (30) 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,** in accordance with the Indian Self Determination Education and Assistance Act (ISDEAA) as amended, a federally recognized Tribal Nation and/or Tribal organization can exercise its right to assume the planning operation and administration of programs, services, functions and activities (PSFAs) from the Indian Health Service (IHS) to best fit the needs of Tribal communities; and
- WHEREAS,** as a strong advocate for the enhancement of the health and wellbeing of Native people, USET has been authorized by its member Nations to contract and administer Tribal PSFAs and Area non-divisible shares on their behalf; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout the years, USET has developed innovative solutions to assist Tribal Nations in addressing the health care delivery challenges that face their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the contracted PSFAs provide a vital communication and information link between the IHS and USET member Tribal Nations; 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 authorizes USET to enter into a new Self-Determination Contract Model Agreement with the Department of Health and Humans Services for the delivery of contracted Indian Health Service programs, services, functions and activities; and be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests that the existing contract that was executed on October 15, 2001 be reconciled and closed as expeditiously as possible.

### **CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed by the USET Executive Committee, at which a quorum was present, on August 6, 2020.

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

Chief Lynn Malerba, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.