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USET Resolution No. 2021:001

SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of thirty (33) 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,** USET is fully committed to the goal of providing quality services to each of its member Tribal Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** to exemplify "Strength in Unity," the member Tribal Nations have entrusted USET to develop and implement programs on their behalf; and
- WHEREAS,** the USDA Rural Business Development Grant program is a competitive grant designed to support targeted technical assistance, training, and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2015 the USET Board of Directors expressed a desire to establish and build capacity of an economic development core competency of USET programmatic services; 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 submit a proposal to the United States Department of Agriculture for the Rural Business Development Grant, seeking up to \$200,000.00, to study the feasibility of establishing a Tribal trade system within the USET region; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** Kitcki A. Carroll, USET's Executive Director, is authorized to sign all grant documents in the submittal and administration of this grant.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed by the USET Executive Committee, at which a quorum was present, on March 8, 2021.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Malerba", written over a horizontal line.

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

Because there is Strength in Unity