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USET Resolution No. 2022:003

SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION TO UNITED STATES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of thirty-three (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 Economic Development Administration American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Economic Adjustment Assistance Indigenous Communities program is a competitive grant that supports organizations with the design and implementation of long-term economic recovery strategies to assist communities and regions impacted by the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Communities program will allow for the creation of a regional workforce training system that provides analysis and resource linkage to comprehensive training and technical assistance to member Tribal Nation program participants; 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 approved the inaugural USET Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan at the 2016 USET SPF Annual Meeting on the Sovereign Territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; 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 prepare and submit a proposal for the United States Economic Development Administration-American Rescue Plan Act Indigenous Communities to support activities to develop a regional workforce training system.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed by the USET Executive Officers Committee, at which a quorum was present, on April 27, 2022.

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

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