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## USET SPF Resolution No. 2024 SPF:010

### **NOMINATING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GAO TRIBAL AND INDIGENOUS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) is an intertribal organization comprised of thirty-three (33) federally recognized Tribal Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET SPF 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 government and each federally recognized Tribal Nation have a government-to-government relationship grounded in numerous historical, political, legal, moral, and ethical considerations; and
- WHEREAS,** the importance of Tribal Consultation with Tribal Governments was affirmed through Presidential Memoranda (1994, 2004, 2009, 2021, & 2022) and a subsequent Executive Order (2000); and
- WHEREAS,** it is essential that Tribal Nations and the U.S. federal government engage in open, continuous, and meaningful consultation, which includes a requirement for Tribal consent for an undertaking that could significantly affect a Tribal interest; and
- WHEREAS,** a variety of federal advisory committees/workgroups have been developed to complement meaningful consultation and coordination with Tribal Nations on issues that impact them and to promote Tribal Nation participation in the decision making process to the greatest extent possible; and
- WHEREAS,** the Government Accountability Office (GAO) was established in 1921 to provide Congress, the heads of executive agencies, and the public with timely, fact-based, non-partisan information to be used to improve government functions and operations; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2022, GAO established a Tribal and Indigenous Advisory Council to provide input and recommendations to guide GAO's work on critical issues affecting Tribal Nations and their citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** the GAO Tribal and Indigenous Advisory Council is critical to informing GAO's strategic goals and priorities by advising on vital and emerging issues affecting Tribal Nations and their citizens, building internal capacity for Tribal work and GAO's processes for working with Tribal Nations, and provide perspectives on new and ongoing GAO work with Tribal Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** the GAO Tribal and Indigenous Advisory Council is comprised of sixteen Tribal and indigenous leaders that serve three year terms and meet two to three times annually; and

**WHEREAS,** on April 15, 2024, GAO announced that it is seeking nominations for five positions on its Tribal and Indigenous Advisory Council to serve terms beginning in September 2024; 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 SPF Board of Directors nominates USET SPF Executive Director, Kitcki Carroll, to the Government Accountability Office's Tribal and Indigenous Advisory Council to advocate on behalf of USET SPF's member Tribal Nations and their interests.

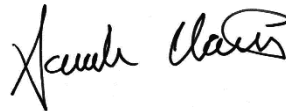
### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed by the USET SPF Executive Committee, at which a quorum was present on April 17, 2024.



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Chief Kirk E. Francis, Sr., President  
United South and Eastern Tribes  
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Vice Chairwoman Sarah Harris, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes  
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