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USET Resolution No. 2012:012

REQUEST TO ELEVATE OFFICE OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS WITHIN NATIONAL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCE AND DISEASE REGISTRY

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR) Office of Tribal Affairs (OTA) provides environmental health support to American Indian and Alaska Native populations throughout the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** although the OTA is tangentially located within the NCEH/ATSDR Office of the Director, existing OTA staff report directly to the NCEH/ATSDR Office for Policy, Planning and Evaluation (OPPE); and
- WHEREAS,** OTA placement within the NCEH/ATSDR OPPE creates confusion regarding office authorities and responsibilities, and fails to elevate Tribal environmental health issues to the level of the Director; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests the Office of Tribal Affairs be moved to the National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR) Office of the Director and that an Associate Director for Tribal Affairs be named.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Choctaw, MS, on Thursday, November 10, 2011.

Brian Patterson, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
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