



## United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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### USET Resolution No. 2012:045

#### **AUTHORIZATION FOR UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC. TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE HEALTH DISPARITIES PROGRAM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

- 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,** USET is fully committed to the goal of improving the effectiveness of efforts to eliminate health disparities for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities, through: utilization of epidemiological data to identify high priority health status objectives and to make recommendations relative to the services and/or activities required to address those objectives; development of alliances and partnerships to improve coordination of and access to quality health services; and development of programs designed to increase the representation of the AI/AN in the health care workforce; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal programs are under-funded and must seek additional funding sources to support an increase in the number of AI/AN scientists and health professionals available to serve their communities and to address health disparities; and
- WHEREAS,** additional funding is needed to allow for USET to develop, implement and maintain programs for the benefit of each member Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** to exemplify "Strength in Unity" the member Tribes have entrusted USET to develop and implement programs on their behalf; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors provides the Executive Director authority to prepare and submit an application for the Office of Minority Health American Indian/Alaska Native Health Disparities Cooperative Agreement.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, May 24, 2012.

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

Brenda Lintinger, Secretary  
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