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 United States (U.S.) Government and each federally recognized Indian Tribe has a government-to-government relationship grounded in numerous historical, political, legal, moral, and ethical considerations; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that Indian Tribes and U.S. Departments/Operating Divisions engage in open, continuous, and meaningful consultation; and

WHEREAS, the importance of Tribal Consultation with Indian Tribal Governments was affirmed through Presidential Memoranda (1994, 2004 & 2009) and a subsequent Executive Order (2000); and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was the first to develop and implement a Tribal Consultation process under Presidential directives; and

WHEREAS, the development of a Tribal Consultation process was created with involvement of Tribal Governmental representatives, including USET staff; and

WHEREAS, a variety of committees and workgroups have been developed to facilitate meaningful consultation with Tribal Governments on issues that make an impact on Tribal participation in federal decision making process; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors appoints the following individuals to represent member Tribes and their interests on the following Department of Health and Human Services committees and workgroups:

1. Office of Minority Health: Health Research Advisory Committee (HRAC)
   a. Primary-Sandra Yarmal, Health Director, Passamaquoddy Tribe Pleasant Point
   b. Alternate-Dee Sabattus, Director-Tribal Health Program Support, USET
   c. Technical Representative-Christy Duke, Epidemiologist, USET

2. Indian Health Service: National/Area Budget Formulation Workgroup
   a. Cheryl Frye-Cromwell, Tribal Councilwoman, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
   b. Meg Parsons, Health Planner, Oneida Indian Nation
c. Sandra Yarmal, Health Director, Passamaquoddy Tribe Pleasant Point

d. Terry Sweat, Health Administrator, Seminole Tribe of Florida

e. Denise Ward, Health Planner, Miccosukee Tribe of Florida

f. Dee Sabattus, Director-Tribal Health Program Support, USET

3. Indian Health Service: Contract Health Services Workgroup

a. Primary-Carrie Janus, Contract Health Service Manager, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

b. Alternate-Dee Sabattus, THPS Director, USET; and, be it further

**RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors authorizes and empowers the appointed individuals to act and make recommendations/decisions on its behalf while engaged in the respective committee/workgroup meetings and/or conference calls.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Uncasville, CT, on Friday, October 12, 2012.

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

Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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