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
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.