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USET Resolution No. 2014:021

AUTHORIZATION FOR USET TO APPLY FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER FOR HEALTH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

- 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 goals of developing a cadre of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) scientists and health professionals, enhancing partnerships and reducing distrust of research by AI/AN communities and reducing health disparities; 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 leadership in developing, implementing and maintaining programs for the ultimate benefit of each member Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** it has been verified with the Indian Health Service (IHS) Technical Advisor on the Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) grant process that USET's application will not be competing for funding with any USET member Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Health Program Support Department has worked in partnership with various member Tribes and academic institutes to develop a comprehensive research application to further strengthen the health in Tribal communities by understanding the health disparities that affect them deeply; and
- WHEREAS,** USET's Native American Research Center for Health VIII application will focus on areas such as Online Community Based Research Training, Diabetes, and Historical Trauma and the impact it has on the health of Tribal communities; and
- WHEREAS,** to exemplify "Strength in Unity" the member Tribes have entrusted USET to develop and implement programs on their behalf; 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

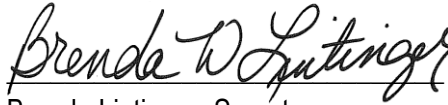
RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors provides the Executive Director authority to submit an application for the Native American Research Center for Health VIII grant opportunity.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Cherokee, NC, on Thursday, October 31, 2013.



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



Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
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“Because there is strength in Unity”