USET Resolution No. 2013:026

NOMINATIONS FOR THE ADEQUATE YEARLY PROCESS RULEMAKING COMMITTEE AS REQUESTED BY THE BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION

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, on January 31, 2013, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) published a Federal Register notice regarding the formulation of a negotiated rulemaking committee that will develop recommendations on revisions to current regulations for determination of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) at BIE funded schools, as required under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB); and

WHEREAS, the BIE stated that determining AYP, which is based on the accountability system of the state BIE fund, has been difficult in making achievement comparisons among all of its funded schools; and

WHEREAS, with states obtaining flexibility waivers from the United States Department of Education to revise or develop new accountability systems, the current process for making such comparisons will no longer be viable; and

WHEREAS, USET member Tribes have sixteen BIE-funded schools operating in five states that are affected by this AYP issue; and

WHEREAS, the BIE notice published in the Federal Register on January 31, 2013, requests nominations of Tribal representatives to serve on the rulemaking committee; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the USET Board of Directors nominates and supports Lori Blankenship and Jessica Daniel, both of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, to the Bureau of Indian Education’s Adequate Yearly Process Rulemaking Committee.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 7, 2013

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Brian Patterson, President  Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
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