USET Resolution No. 2014:050

AUTHORIZATION FOR UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC. TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM “A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO GOOD HEALTH AND WELLNESS IN INDIAN COUNTRY”

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 health and wellness in Tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, Tribal programs are under-funded and must seek additional funding sources to help address issues including nutrition, physical activity, health literacy, and access to healthy foods, including traditional foods, and to improve health and prevent chronic diseases such as diabetes, cancer, and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is needed to allow 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; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently announced a grant entitled “A Comprehensive Approach to Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country” that has two parts, one grant competition to support Tribes and the other grant competition to support Tribal organizations that are providing technical support to Tribes, so that Tribes and Tribal Organizations are not competing against each other for the same funds; 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 prepare and submit an application for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant program “A Comprehensive Approach to Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country.”

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Bar Harbor, ME, June 4, 2014.

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

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