United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



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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 twentysix (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.

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