PREPARING STUDENTS FOR LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

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, the USET member Tribes support higher education as a path toward defending Tribal sovereignty and strengthening Tribal homeland; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Leaders have acknowledged the need and desire for educated youth of their nations to return to their homelands and take on leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, USET member Tribes are charged to engage directly in youth development in order to fulfill their leadership responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Tribal youth have specifically identified their needs regarding preparation for their educational journey; 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 supports efforts of its member Tribes to directly engage and partner with institutions of higher learning to develop and fund programs for the support of our Tribal youth; and, be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors supports the development of programs for Tribal youth to include summer work programs, the establishment of Native specific grant programs and other financial support programs to ensure the success of our Native students.

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.

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Brian Patterson, President       Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
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