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USET Resolution No. 2015:001

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

- 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 United States (U.S.) Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF) administers the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) program and provides funding opportunities to American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes that submit proposals supporting the goals and objectives of its Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) criteria; and
- WHEREAS,** due to historic trauma, unemployment, geographic barriers, the need for a trained labor force, limited access to training and technical assistance, and out-migration, there exists a need for economic development programs within Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** if the noted problems are left unaddressed, poverty, crime, and drug abuse will continue to increase, resulting in overall deterioration of Tribal community environments; and
- WHEREAS,** in varying degrees, these conditions exist within the USET member Tribes where there is a limited capacity for economic development and growth opportunity; and
- WHEREAS,** USET Leadership has set a goal in its strategic plans to establish economic development resources in the USET region that support Tribal Nation rebuilding and improves the standards of living for USET member Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** this grant proposal meets the USET goals and objectives "To lift the bitter yoke of poverty from our people through cooperative effort," and "To dedicate ourselves to improvement of the quality of life of American Indians through increased health, education, social services, and housing opportunities;" 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 authorizes the USET Executive Director to submit a proposal to the Administration for Native Americans seeking financial support to implement work to create and

establish economic development resources for USET member Tribes and commits to employ any in-kind contributions or resources that will meet the non-federal matching contributions requirements; and, be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors approves the submission of an application to the Administration for Native Americans for the next grant cycle in federal Fiscal Year 2015.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Verona, NY, on Thursday, December 4, 2014.



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



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

“Because there is strength in Unity”