

# United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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## **USET Resolution No. 2015:013**

# AUTHORIZATION FOR THE UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES INCORPORATED TO ENTER INTO AN INDIAN SELF DETERMINATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

**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, in accordance with the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) as amended, a federally recognized Indian Tribe can exercise their right to assume the planning, operation, and administration of programs, services, functions and activities (PSFAs) from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); and

**WHEREAS,** the ISDEAA as amended, authorizes the BIA to enter into contracts and compacts with Indian Tribes and/or Tribal Organizations; 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 explore, negotiate and enter into an Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Region Office for the purpose of travel reimbursement for its Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Region representation on the Tribal Indian Budget Council beginning Fiscal Year 2014.

### **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

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