WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribal Nations; and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribal Nation, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribal Nation’s leadership; and

WHEREAS, the United States (U.S.) Government and each federally recognized Tribal Nation has a government-to-government relationship grounded in numerous historical, political, legal, moral, and ethical considerations; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that Tribal Nations and U.S. Departments/Operating Divisions engage in open, continuous, and meaningful consultation; and

WHEREAS, the importance of Tribal Consultation with Tribal Nations was affirmed through Presidential Memoranda (1994, 2004 & 2009) and a subsequent Executive Order (2000); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was the first to develop and implement a Tribal Consultation process in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and with direct involvement of Tribal Nation representatives; and

WHEREAS, a variety of committees/workgroups have been developed to facilitate meaningful consultation with Tribal Nations on issues that impact them and to promote Tribal Nation’s participation in the decision making process to the greatest extent possible; 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 appoints the following individuals to represent member Tribal Nations and their interests on the following Department of Health and Human Services committees/workgroups:

1. Indian Health Service FY 2018 Nashville Area Budget Formulation Team
   a. Myra Sylestine, Health Director, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
   b. Theresa Cochran, CEO, Micmac Service Unit, Indian Health Service
   c. Jill MacDougall, Health Director, Penobscot Indian Nation
   d. Kevin Tarrant, American Indian Community House
2. Indian Health Service Contract Support Cost Workgroup
   a. Primary Representative -
   b. Douglas Weaver, Chief Financial Officer, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
   c. Technical Representative - Tihtiyas (Dee) Sabattus, THPS Director, USET

3. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Tribal Advisory Committee
   a. Primary - Robert McGhee, Poarch Band of Creek Indians
   b. Alternate – Marjorie Colebut-Jackson, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation

4. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Tribal Advisory Committee
   a. Primary - Beverly Cook, Chief, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
   b. Alternate - Jill MacDougall, Health Director, Penobscot Indian Nation

**RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors authorizes and empowers the appointed individuals to act and make recommendations/decisions on their behalf while attending the respective committee and/or workgroup meetings and/or conference calls.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Choctaw, MS, on October 28, 2015.

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

Lynn Malerba, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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