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USET SPF Resolution No. 2016:019

FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT SELF-GOVERNANCE PROGRAM NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING COMMITTEE NOMINATION

- WHEREAS,** USET Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribal Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET SPF 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,** a five-year, \$305 billion highway bill, the "Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act" (FAST Act), became law on December 4, 2015, which increased funding opportunities for Tribal Transportation Programs beginning in 2016; and,
- WHEREAS,** the FAST Act requires the U.S. Department of Transportation to quickly establish a Tribal transportation self-governance program, providing the Secretary only 90 days from passage of the Act to initiate procedures to promulgate regulations, appoint members of a negotiated rulemaking committee, and 21 months to publish a proposed rule to implement the self-governance program; and,
- WHEREAS,** Jody Clark, a citizen of the Seneca Nation of Indians, has more than 15 years of services as the Tribe's Department of Transportation Director, which administers and manages Transportation Programs contracted through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Federal Lands Highway Office, as well as various Transportation Safety, Transit, and Emergency Projects & Programs; and
- WHEREAS,** Jody Clark was the Eastern Region Primary Committee member throughout the 4-year TEA-21 Negotiated Rulemaking for the Indian Reservation Road Program (2002-2006), serves as the Eastern Region Representative of the Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee (Primary Representative 2015-2017 & Alternate Representative 2012-2014), and has further demonstrated a commitment to transportation issues by serving on numerous committees at the local, regional and national levels; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Seneca Nation of Indians Tribal Council adopted a resolution on January 12, 2016, which nominates and authorizes Ms. Clark to serve as a Tribal representative to the FAST Act Negotiated Rulemaking Committee if appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET SPF Transportation Committee has reviewed the Seneca Nation Council Resolution and supports this nomination; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the United South & Eastern Tribes SPF Board of Directors supports and recommends Jody Clark, Director of the Seneca Nation of Indians Department of Transportation as a Tribal

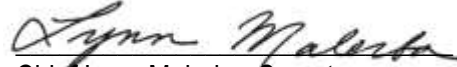
representative to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act Self-Governance Program
Negotiated Rulemaking Committee.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET SPF Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in
Arlington, VA, February 11, 2016.



Brian Patterson, President
USET Sovereignty Protection Fund



Chief Lynn Malerba, Secretary
USET Sovereignty Protection Fund

"Because there is strength in Unity"
