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### USET SPF Resolution No. 2016:021

#### SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER MULTIPLE PROPERTY LISTING PROTOCOL

- 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,** the Tribal Historic Preservation Offices of the Narragansett Indian Tribe, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), and Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut have collaboratively identified and documented ceremonial stone landscapes (CSL); and
- WHEREAS,** on September 19, 2015, these four Tribal Historic Preservation Offices authorized the submission of a Multiple Property Listing (MPL) Documentation Form entitled, "Indigenous American Ceremonial Stone Landscapes of the Northeast," to the National Register of Historic Places; and
- WHEREAS,** this document requests the Keeper of the National Register to approve the MPL as the basis for evaluating related properties to these Tribal Nations for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Board of Directors have adopted Resolutions 2003:022, 2007:037, 2009:057, 2010:029 which state, "for thousands of years before the immigration of Europeans, the Pau Waus and Medicine People of today's New England region used ceremonial landscapes to sustain the people's reliance on Mother Earth and the spirit energies of balance and harmony;" and "these sacred sites of our past ceremonial practices are no longer hidden by their remote locations, but many now stand in desirable development land without local or state ordinances to protect them"; and
- WHEREAS,** MPL status at the National Register of Historic Places will provide Tribal Nations with a federal mechanism upon which they may build goodwill, private and public collaboration and stewardship for ceremonial stone landscape preservation at the Tribal, local, state, and federal levels; 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 SPF Board of Directors supports the intent of the Multiple Property Listing Documentation Form titled, "Indigenous American Ceremonial Stone Landscapes of the Northeast," that was signed and submitted by the Narragansett Indian Tribe, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), and the Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut on September 19, 2015 to the National Register of Historic Places, in order to

promote the creation of historic preservation initiatives that will support the permanent protection of ancestral ceremonial stone landscapes.

**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”*

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