SUPPORT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EASTERN REGIONAL TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR’S WORKGROUP ON CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS

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 federal agencies engage in open, continuous, and meaningful consultation; and

WHEREAS, the importance of Tribal Consultation with Indian Tribal Governments was affirmed through Presidential Memoranda (1994, 2004 & 2009) and a subsequent Executive Order (2000); 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 participation in the decision making process to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Contract Support Cost (CSC) Workgroup was established in 2004 to develop the Bureau’s CSC policy to allocate CSC funds in a uniform and equitable manner, and provides active advice and guidance to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs in the continued development of CSC policy; and

WHEREAS, the CSC Workgroup consists of federal officials and Tribal Nation representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) supports the recommendation of Douglas Weaver, MBCI Acting Chief Financial Officer, to serve as the BIA Eastern Region CSC Workgroup representative due to his extensive expertise and knowledge of Indian Self-Determination contracting procedures, indirect cost negotiations, financial accounting, audit requirements, and program operations; 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

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USET Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribal Nations; and

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

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

it is essential that Tribal Nations and federal agencies engage in open, continuous, and meaningful consultation; and

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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 appointment of Douglas Weaver, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Acting Chief Financial Officer, to serve as the Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Region Representative to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Contract Support Cost Workgroup; and be it further

RESOLVED the USET SPF Board of Directors authorizes and empowers the appointed individual 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 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

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