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 Tribal Nations, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Nations’ leadership; and

WHEREAS, the United States (U.S.) Government and each federally recognized Tribal Nation have 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 Indian Tribal Governments 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 under the Presidential directives; and

WHEREAS, the development of a Tribal Consultation process was completed with direct involvement of Tribal Governmental representatives, including USET staff; and

WHEREAS, a variety of committees/workgroups have been developed to facilitate meaningful consultation with Tribal Governments on issues that impact them and to promote Tribal Nation 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 2017 Nashville Area Budget Formulation Team
   a. Theresa Cochran, CEO, Micmac Service Unit, Indian Health Service
b. Edie Jackson, Health Administrator, Poarch Band of Creek Indians

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