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## USET Resolution No. 2017:002

### **AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (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 Nations' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States (U.S.) Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF) administers the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) program and provides funding opportunities to American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Nations that submit proposals supporting the goals and objectives of its Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) criteria; and
- WHEREAS,** due to historical trauma, unemployment, geographic barriers, the need for a trained labor force, limited access to training and technical assistance, and out-migration, there exists a need for economic development programs within Indian Country that will build capacity among Tribal Nations to create and rebuild their economies; and
- WHEREAS,** in varying degrees, these conditions exist within the USET member Tribal Nations, where there is a limited capacity for economic development and growth opportunity; and
- WHEREAS,** USET Leadership has set a goal in its strategic plans to establish economic development resources in the USET region that support Tribal Nation rebuilding and improve the standards of living for USET member Tribal Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** this grant proposal meets the USET goals and objectives "To lift the bitter yoke of poverty from our people through cooperative effort," and "To dedicate ourselves to improvement of the quality of life of American Indians through increased health, education, social services, and housing opportunities;" 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 authorizes the USET Executive Director to submit a proposal to the Administration for Native Americans seeking up to \$1.25 million in financial support to implement strategies to strengthen Tribal Nations' capacity to have robust revenue cycle

management in their clinics and healthcare systems through the USET Tribal Health Solutions Group and to utilize any available and eligible resource that will meet the non-federal matching contributions requirements.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET SPF Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Cherokee, NC, October 26, 2016.



Chief Kirk Francis, President  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



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

*Because there is Strength in Unity*