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USET Resolution No. 2018:001

CHANGING THE TITLE OF THE USET TRIBAL EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE TO HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-seven (27) 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 Tribal Emergency Services Committee deliberated a title change to rename itself the "Homeland Security and Emergency Services Committee"; and
- WHEREAS,** the purpose of the title change is to adequately capture the full responsibilities of the Committee and its respective committee members who are charged with supporting USET Tribal Nations in their preparation for, mitigation of, response to, and recovery from all hazards and disasters; and
- WHEREAS,** the Committee endeavors to support Tribal Nations and first responders to build, sustain, and improve capabilities to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards, which would fulfill the role of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in support of the U.S. National Preparedness Goal; and
- WHEREAS,** the Committee, in keeping with its title change, would promote Tribal Nation capacity development and program capabilities in the mission areas identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as articulated in the U.S. National Preparedness Goal: Protection, Prevention, Response, Recovery and Mitigation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Committee understands the role of public safety to include areas that are outlined in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's fourteen (14) Emergency Support Functions, the scope of which is much greater than Emergency Services and includes functions like transportation, communication, and public health; and
- WHEREAS,** the Committee would continue to promote communication, collaboration, and coordination among the USET Tribal Nations to achieve public safety and to be engaged in regional and national initiatives, consultations, and strategies to represent the interests of USET Tribal Nations; 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

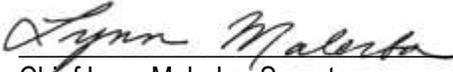
RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors approves the name change of the Tribal Emergency Services Committee to the new title of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors supports a more comprehensive role for the Committee and affirms its responsibility to support Tribal Nations and their first responders to build, sustain, and improve capabilities to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards, which would fulfill the role of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in support of the United States National Preparedness Goal; and the Board of Directors further supports the Committee’s mission to include areas that are outlined in the United States Department of Homeland Security’s fourteen (14) Emergency Support Functions.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET SPF Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Cherokee, NC, October 12, 2017.


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


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