APPOINTMENT OF NASHVILLE AREA REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION TRIBAL CONSULTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) federally recognized Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes’ leadership; and

WHEREAS, USET is committed to eliminating health disparities for American Indian/Alaska Native communities; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that Tribes and all Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Divisions engage in open, continuous and meaningful consultation to achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Tribal Consultation Policy establishes standards to guide the division in working effectively with Tribes and Tribal Organizations; and

WHEREAS, the CDC/ATSDR policy further establishes a Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee (TCAC) that will be responsible for bringing public health issues affecting Tribes and AI/AN to the attention of CDC/ATSDR officials; and

WHEREAS, CDC/ATSDR is soliciting one Tribal Leader (or designee empowered to speak on their behalf) and one alternate from each of the 12 Indian Health Service Areas and the National Tribal Organizations to serve on the TCAC.

WHEREAS, the TCAC will provide an established, recurring venue wherein Tribal Leaders will advise and guide CDC/ATSDR throughout the government-to-government consultation process and assist in the planning and coordination of meetings thereof; and

WHEREAS, the input and recommendations provided by TCAC members, during consultation sessions, will impact the CDC/ATSDR decision making process and help guide the Division as it strives to improve the health status of AI/AN people through strong government-to-government relationships; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors nominates and supports Ron MacLaren, Health Director for the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) to serve as the Nashville Area delegate; and Brenda Shore, Director—Tribal Health Program Support, USET to serve as alternate to the TCAC.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Verona, NY, Thursday, June 8, 2006.

Keller George, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Eddie L. Tullis, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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