



**USET Resolution No. 2009:032**

**SUPPORT OF THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
WORKGROUP APPOINTMENTS**

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-five (25) 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,** the United States (U.S.) Government and each federally recognized Indian Tribe has a Government-to-Government relationship grounded in numerous historical, political, legal, moral, and ethical considerations; and
- WHEREAS,** it is essential that Indian Tribes 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) and a subsequent Executive Order (2000); 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 Indian Tribes' participation in the decision-making process to the greatest extent possible; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indian Health Service (IHS) is committed to providing vital information regarding information technology (IT) activities and initiatives that support the health needs of American Indian/Alaska Native communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the IHS Office of Information Technology is soliciting Area Representatives to serve on a national IT Workgroup; and
- WHEREAS,** the national IT Workgroup will examine the current IT support packages offered to contracting and compacting Tribes and Tribal Organizations to evaluate and enhance if need be; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors appoints the following individuals, upon approval by their Tribal Leaders, to represent them and their interests on the Indian Health Service Information Technology Workgroup:
1. Lynn Malerba, Vice Chairwoman, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut
  2. Ron MacLaren, Health Director, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
  3. Arlene Mack, Special Health Programs Coordinator, Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

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CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 12, 2009.



Brian Patterson, President  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Robert McGhee, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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