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**USET Resolution No. 2009:034**

**PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.  
DIRECTOR OF TRIBAL HEALTH PROGRAM SUPPORT**

- 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 USET Director-Tribal Health Program Support (THPS) resigned effective December 26, 2008, and a vacancy announcement has been issued to backfill the position; and
- WHEREAS,** during the past 11 years the THPS office has grown exponentially in scope, size and funding, and the Director-THPS has become an integral position to the USET member Tribes, Health Committee and organization; and
- WHEREAS,** in the past, the Health Committee Chairperson was directly involved in the selection process utilized to fill this critical position; and
- WHEREAS,** this position is the primary delegate for the USET member Tribes, Health Committee and organization regarding health issues at the national, regional, and local level; and
- WHEREAS,** the person selected to fill this position will have the responsibility for a 14 person staff, \$8M operating budget per year, and direct working relationship with the Health Committee; and
- WHEREAS,** due to the vast responsibilities inherent in this position, the USET Health Committee passed and carried a motion to seek authorization from the USET Board of Directors to be thoroughly involved in the selection process for the Director-THPS; and
- WHEREAS,** the Health Committee has selected and appointed the following Tribal Representatives, upon approval by their Tribal Leaders, to participate in the selection of the Director-THPS:
1. Patricia Knox-Nicola, Penobscot Indian Nation
  2. Cassandra Osceola, Miccosukee Tribe of Florida
  3. Peggy Gaddy, Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors instructs the USET Executive Director to thoroughly involve the appointed individuals in the selection process for the Director-Tribal Health Program Support.

**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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