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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