



USET Resolution No. 2009:047

**AUTHORIZATION FOR USET AND VANDERBILT UNIVERISTY TO IMPLEMENT A RESEARCH PROJECT
TITLED, “USING HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE DIABETES MANAGEMENT IN
AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITIES”**

- 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,** USET is fully committed to the goals of developing a cadre of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) scientists and health professionals, enhancing partnerships and reducing distrust of research by AI/AN communities and reducing health disparities; and
- WHEREAS,** USET is fully committed to the research project aims of:
1. Gathering input from patient, providers, and community leaders and develop a design specification for Health Information Tools (HIT) tools that can be used to facilitate assessment, evaluation, and feedback at the patient, provider, and community level.
 2. Using an iterative process, build the HIT toolkit using active feedback from patients, providers, and leaders in pilot communities.
 3. Using multilevel, mixed-methods evaluation strategies pilot multi-level Community Based Participatory Research interventions using the HIT toolkit in communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal programs are under-funded and must seek additional funding sources to support an increase in the number of research projects that are intended to help address AI/AN health disparities; and
- WHEREAS,** additional funding is needed to allow for USET Leadership in developing, implementing and maintaining programs for the ultimate benefit of each member Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** to exemplify “Strength in Unity” the member Tribes have entrusted USET to develop and implement programs on their behalf; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors provides the USET Epidemiology Center, in collaboration with Vanderbilt University, the authority to prepare, submit and implement the “Using Health Information Technology to Improve Diabetes Management in American Indian Communities” research project that is being submitted for funding under the Native American Research Center for Health grant application.

“Because there is strength in Unity”

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, May 14, 2009.



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



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

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