

Officers
Governor *E. Paul Torres, Chairman*
Governor *Arlen Quetawki, Vice Chairman*
Governor *Terry Aguilar, Secretary*

RESOLUTION

ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

RESOLUTION NO. APCG 2014-04

SUPPORT FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHACO CANYON AND ALL TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES AND SACRED SITES AFFILIATED WITH CHACO CANYON

Acoma

Cochiti

Isleta

Jemez

Laguna

Nambe

Ohkay

Owingeh

Picuris

Pojoaque

Sandia

San

Felipe

San

Ildefonso

Santa Ana

Santa Clara

Santo

Domingo

Taos

Testuque

Ysleta Del Sur

Zia

Zuni

WHEREAS, the All Pueblo Council of Governors (“APCG”) is comprised of the Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Sandia, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Zia and Zuni, and one pueblo in Texas, Ysleta del Sur, each having the sovereign authority to govern their own affairs;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the All Pueblo Council of Governors is to advocate, foster, protect, and encourage the social, cultural & traditional well-being of the Pueblo Nations; and

WHEREAS, through their inherent & sovereign rights, the All Pueblo Council of Governors will promote the language, health, economic, and educational advancement of all Pueblo people; and

WHEREAS, each APCG members is an indigenous nation within the United States with its own cultural territory and sovereign right to protect its traditional cultural properties and sacred sites, whether or not they are located within each pueblo’s current exterior boundaries;

WHEREAS, the protection of each pueblo’s traditional cultural properties and sacred sites is necessary to each pueblo’s cultural preservation now and into the future;

WHEREAS, the protection of night skies, soundscapes, view sheds and sight-lines within and surrounding Chaco Canyon is essential to preserving the traditional cultural values and sacred sites that exist in Chaco Canyon and in the landscape surrounding Chaco Canyon;

WHEREAS, the federal Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs are currently evaluating proposals to issue additional oil and gas leases in the landscape surrounding Chaco Canyon, and are actively developing long-term management plans that will govern oil and gas development and the protection of traditional cultural properties and sacred sites in the landscape surrounding Chaco Canyon for the next fifteen to twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of oil and gas leases, drilling permits and approvals for oil and gas roads, pipelines and other types of oil and gas infrastructure in the landscape surrounding Chaco Canyon, which includes traditional cultural properties and sacred sites, and the development of long-term management plans for the landscape surrounding Chaco

Canyon threatens irreparable degradation and impairment to that landscape and to the traditional cultural values and sacred sites present within that landscape.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the All Pueblo Council of Governors supports the requirement for meaningful government-to-government consultation for all federal undertakings and management plans affecting each pueblo's traditional cultural properties and sacred sites, as mandated by the National Historic Preservation Act, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and Executive Orders 12898 and 13007.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned officials of the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. APCG 2014-04 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on the 16th day of April 2014, and at which time a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 16 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain, and 4 absent.

ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

By: 
Governor Edward Torres, APCG Chairman

ATTEST:

 4/16/14
Governor Terry Aguilar, APCG Secretary