



ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

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E. Paul Torres, Chairman
Governor J. Michael Chavarria, Vice Chair
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RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION NO. APCG 2018-27

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS TO SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT A PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT PUEBLO ETHNOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE GREATER CHACO REGION

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 APCG is to advocate, foster, protect, and encourage the social, cultural and traditional well-being of the Pueblo Nations; and,

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

WHEREAS, each All Pueblo Council of Governors member possesses 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 Pueblos' traditional cultural properties and sacred sites is necessary to each Pueblos' cultural preservation now and into the future;

WHEREAS, preserving the traditional cultural properties and sacred sites that exist in Chaco Canyon and in the Greater Chaco Region is essential to the cultures and traditions of the 20 Pueblos; and

WHEREAS, the 20 Pueblos as the direct descendants of the ancestral Puebloan People that occupied Chaco Canyon and the Greater Chaco Region maintain significant ties to cultural resources and the cultural landscapes that exist in the Greater Chaco Region;

WHEREAS, the All Pueblo Council of Governors recognize that the Greater Chaco region has been greatly impacted by oil and gas production that creates environmental degradation, health issues, and the impact and destruction to important Pueblo cultural resources;

Acoma

Cochiti

Isleta

Jemez

Laguna

Nambe

Ohkay Owingeh

Picuris

Pojoaque

Sandia

San Felipe

San Ildefonso

Santa Ana

Santa Clara

Santo Domingo

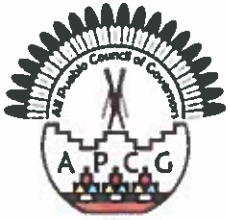
Taos

Tesuque

Ysleta Del Sur

Zia

Zuni



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Acoma

WHEREAS, the All Pueblo Council of Governors, in addition to individual member Pueblos, have raised concerns related to the impact of future oil and gas development upon cultural resources, traditional cultural properties, sacred sites, and cultural landscapes in the Greater Chaco Region by comment and participation in the Bureau of Land Management's 2014 Farmington Mancos-Gallup Resource Management Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement that has yet to be complete;

Cochiti

Isleta

Jemez

WHEREAS, the All Pueblo Council of Governors, in addition to individual member Pueblos, have opposed ongoing oil and gas leasing affecting the Chaco Culture National Historic Park and the 20 Pueblos' cultural resources, traditional cultural properties, sacred sites, and cultural landscapes in the Greater Chaco Region by protesting the Bureau of Land Management Farmington Field Office's March 2018 Oil and Gas lease sale;

Laguna

Nambe

Ohkay Owingeh

WHEREAS, the All Pueblo Council of Governors, in addition to individual member Pueblos, have opposed ongoing oil and gas leasing affecting the Chaco Culture National Historic Park and the 20 Pueblos' cultural resources, traditional cultural properties, sacred sites, and cultural landscapes in the Greater Chaco Region by comment in the Bureau of Land Management Farmington Field Office's December 2018 Oil and Gas lease sale and the Rio Puerco Field Office's December 2018 Oil and Gas lease sale;

Picuris

Pojoaque

Sandia

WHEREAS, the All Pueblo Council of Governors, and individual member Pueblos, have repeatedly informed the Bureau of Land Management of the existence of Pueblo cultural resources, traditional cultural properties, sacred sites, and cultural landscapes in the Greater Chaco Region that have not been documented, but may be identified and determined to be historic properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places;

San Felipe

San Ildefonso

Santa Ana

Santa Clara

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management must comply with its duties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to evaluate undertakings that may affect historic properties prior to approving an undertaking;

Santo Domingo

Taos

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management, as an agency of the United States has the duty to conduct meaningful consultation with APCG member Pueblos concerning proposed federal actions that may affect sacred sites and other areas of importance to each Pueblo, and meaningful consultation requires identification and cultural conceptualization of these sites;

Tesuque

Ysleta Del Sur

Zia

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management must make a reasonable and good faith effort to identify traditional cultural properties and other historic properties of the 20 Pueblos of the All Pueblo Council of Governors;

Zuni



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Acoma

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management has a duty to review existing information, in addition to conducting background research, consultation, oral history interviews, sample field investigations, and field surveys when the Pueblos have indicated the existence of traditional cultural properties and the paucity of Pueblo ethnographic information about these properties and the role they have within each Pueblo's cultural world view;

Cochiti

Isleta

Jemez

WHEREAS, despite these indications made by the All Pueblo Council of Governors, and individual Pueblos, the Bureau of Land Management continues to rely exclusively on information, studies, and analyses devoid of individual Pueblo co-authorship or contribution;

Laguna

Nambe

WHEREAS, the All Pueblo Council of Governors, and individual Pueblos, have informed the Bureau of Land Management by resolution, comment, protest, and consultation of the need for a comprehensive identification and analysis of individual Pueblos' cultural landscapes, cultural and historic properties that may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places;

Ohkay Owingeh

Picuris

Pojoaque

WHEREAS, a delegation of consisting of the All Pueblo Council of Governors Chairman, the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council Chairman, the Ten Southern Pueblos Council Chairman, and the Governor and former Governor of the Pueblo of Tesuque, met with Department of the Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary James Cason and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs John Tashuda on September 26, 2018;

Sandia

San Felipe

San Ildefonso

WHEREAS, the delegation discussed issues related to the identification of Pueblo historic properties that may be affected by the Bureau of Land Management – New Mexico Office's proposed December 2018 Oil and Gas Lease Sale ("December 2018 Lease Sale), with parcels near the Chaco Culture National Historic Park;

Santa Ana

Santa Clara

Santo Domingo

WHEREAS, Assistant Secretary James Cason invited the submission of a joint Pueblo proposal for study related to the identification of Pueblo historic properties, traditional cultural properties, and other cultural resources and the development of related Pueblo ethnographic information in the areas affected by the proposed December 2018 Lease Sale;

Taos

Tesuque

Ysleta Del Sur

WHEREAS, the development of this ethnographic information demonstrating individual Pueblos' ties to Chaco Canyon and the Greater Chaco Region is essential for the protection of Pueblos' cultural resources, traditional cultural properties, and sacred sites that are integral components to our connection to and maintenance of our identity, culture, and way of life.

Zia

Zuni



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Acoma

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the All Pueblo Council of Governors authorizes the submission of a joint Pueblo proposal, substantially similar to the proposal attached to this resolution, that identifies and develops Pueblo ethnographic information

Cochiti

Isleta

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the All Pueblo Council of Governors supports the working group of Pueblos, to be identified in the proposal, in their limited analyses of their connections to Chaco Canyon and the Greater Chaco Region; and

Jemez

Laguna

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the All Pueblo Council of Governors also authorizes the submission of a joint Pueblo proposal, substantially similar to the proposal attached to this resolution, that provides a comprehensive analysis of the Greater Chaco Region through an analysis of individual Pueblo cultural landscapes for the determination of a shared cultural landscape and areas of concern;

Nambe

Ohkay Owingeh

Picuris

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the All Pueblo Council of Governors recommends the dissemination, as appropriate, the results of these two ethnographic studies, proposed in the attached proposals, to the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Indian Affairs;

Pojoaque

Sandia

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the All Pueblo Council of Governors requests the Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs, immediately institute a moratorium on all oil and gas related permitting and leasing in the Greater Chaco Region until the initiation and completion of a studies that are part of the attached proposals; and

San Felipe

San Ildefonso

Santa Ana

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the All Pueblo Council of Governors does hereby request the five members of New Mexico's Congressional delegation to take such actions to support the intent of this resolution.

Santa Clara

Santo Domingo

Taos

Tesuque

Ysleta Del Sur

Zia

Zuni



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CERTIFICATION

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We, the undersigned officials of the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. APCG 2018-27 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on the 18th day of October, 2018, and at which time a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 17 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain, and 0 absent.

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By:

APCG Chairman E. Paul Torres

ATTEST:

Governor Val Panteah, APCG Secretary