



# ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

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## RESOLUTION

### ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS RESOLUTION NO. APCG 2019-10

#### REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION WITHDRAWING CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO SURROUNDING CHACO CULTURE NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK FROM ALL FORMS OF MINERAL AND GEOTHERMAL LEASING

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

**WHEREAS**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors 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 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

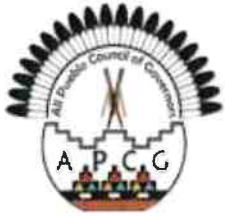
**WHEREAS**, the 20 Pueblos possess inherent government authority and sovereignty over their lands; and

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, the protection of each Pueblos' traditional cultural properties and sacred sites is necessary to each Pueblos' cultural preservation now and into the future; and

**WHEREAS**, preserving the traditional cultural properties and sacred sites that exist in Chaco Canyon and in the Greater Chaco Region, including, but not limited to, the Chaco Roads, and Pierre's Site, along with protection of the night skies, soundscapes, view sheds, and sight-lines within and surrounding Chaco Canyon is essential to the cultures and traditions of the 20 Pueblos;

**WHEREAS**, the 20 Pueblos recognize that the Greater Chaco region has been greatly impacted by oil and gas production that creates environmental degradation and creates human, animal, and plant health issues; and



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Acoma

**WHEREAS**, oil and gas drilling and related infrastructure, including roads and pipelines, in the Greater Chaco Region negatively impact and harm Pueblo traditional cultural properties and sacred sites and impair the cultural landscape(s) that include these traditional cultural properties; and

Cochiti

Isleta

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Indian Affairs has leased over 91% of public lands and federal minerals in northwest New Mexico, including those areas surrounding Chaco Culture National Historic Park, for oil and gas development; and

Jemez

Laguna

Nambe

**WHEREAS**, part of the remaining 9% of un-leased federal lands in northwest New Mexico administered by the Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs surrounds Chaco Culture National Historic Park; and

Ohkay Owingeh

Picuris

**WHEREAS**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors has opposed ongoing oil and gas leasing affecting Chaco Culture National Historic Park and the 20 Pueblos' cultural resources, traditional cultural properties, and sacred sites in the Greater Chaco Region by protesting the quarterly Oil and Gas lease sales, and voiced its concerns by acting as a Cooperating Agency to the Bureau of Land Management's Resource Management Plan Amendment; and

Pojoaque

Sandia

San Felipe

**WHEREAS**, Senator Tom Udall and Senator Martin Heinrich have reintroduced legislation during the in the 116th Congress, First Session titled the "S.1079 Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019"; and

San Ildefonso

Santa Ana

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Ben Ray Lujan and Congresswomen Debra Haaland with co-sponsorship by Congresswoman Xochitl Torres Small have introduced companion legislation during the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress, First Session titled the "HR. 2181 Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019"; and

Santa Clara

Santo Domingo

Taos

**WHEREAS**, the "Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019" will withdraw federal land from all forms of location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition of federal land under all laws relating to federal mineral leasing and geothermal leasing in an area surrounding Chaco Culture National Historic Park; and

Tesuque

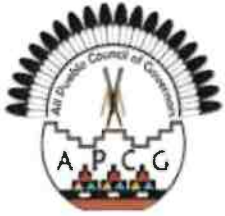
Ysleta Del Sur

**WHEREAS**, protection of core area described in the proposed "Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019" attached map, described as the "Chaco Cultural Heritage Withdrawal Area", is an important step in protecting the 20 Pueblos cultural resources, traditional cultural properties, and sacred sites in the Greater Chaco Region; and

Zia

Zuni

**WHEREAS**, the withdrawal of these federal lands from future federal mineral leasing and development will assist in the protection and preservation of Chaco Culture National Historic Park and those cultural resources, traditional cultural properties, and sacred sites immediately surrounding the National Park.



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Acoma

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the 20 Pueblos express their emphatic support for the proposed "Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019" with full support by the New Mexico Congressional Delegation.

Cochiti

Isleta

**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 "Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019" as they reasonably can to ensure the passage of this bill; and

Jemez

Laguna

**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, as they reasonably can, to support an immediate moratorium on oil and gas development within the area designated in the "Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019," until the bill is passed by Congress and codified in statute; and

Nambe

Ohkay Owingeh

Picuris

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, APCG hereby authorizes the APCG Chairman, and his designees(s), to execute all actions and documents necessary to initiate the intent of this resolution.

Pojoaque

Sandia

## CERTIFICATION

San Felipe

We, the undersigned officials of the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. APCG 2019-10 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, and at which time a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 13 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain, and 7 absent.

San Ildefonso

Santa Ana

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Santa Clara

Santo Domingo

Taos

By:

Tesuque

APCG Chairman E. Paul Torres

Ysleta Del Sur

Zia

ATTEST:

Zuni

Governor Val Panteah, APCG Secretary



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## RESOLUTION

### ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

#### RESOLUTION NO. APCG 2019-11

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF THE APCG HEALTH COMMITTEE

Acoma

Cochiti

Isleta

Jemez

Laguna

Nambe

Ohkay Owingeh

Picuris

Pojoaque

Sandia

San Felipe

San Ildefonso

Santa Ana

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Zuni

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**WHEREAS**, the 20 Pueblos possess inherent government authority and sovereignty over their lands, and

**WHEREAS**, the health of our communities is critical to each Pueblo; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous health policy issues confront our Pueblo communities on the national, state, and tribal level; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of APCG and its member Pueblos to establish the APCG Health Committee via this Resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby establishes the Health Committee within the framework of the APCG's Articles of Association, Article IV, Section 2, that allows for the creation of Committees; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors appoints the below-named individuals to serve on the APCG Health Committee:

Kurt Riley  
Rick Vigil  
Erik Lujan  
Anthony Yepa

Jessica Tsabatsaye  
Pablo Padilla, Jr.  
Keenan Toya