



ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

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RESOLUTION

ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS RESOLUTION NO. APCG 2026-05

SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF CHACO CANYON AND THE GREATER CHACO CULTURAL LANDSCAPE TO THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION'S 2026 "11 MOST ENDANGERED HISTORIC PLACES" LIST

Acoma
Cochiti
Isleta
Jemez
Laguna
Nambe
Ohkay Owingeh
Picuris
Pojoaque
San Felipe
San Ildefonso
Sandia
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; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Chaco Region, encompassing Chaco Culture National Historical Park ("Chaco Canyon") and surrounding cultural landscapes, holds profound spiritual, historical, and cultural significance to many Pueblos and Tribes, including the Hopi Tribe, in the Southwest; and

WHEREAS, the significance of Chaco Canyon cannot be understood in isolation, but rather as part of a broader interconnected system that includes outlying communities, roads, shrines, and related ancestral sites across the region, reflecting enduring systems of migration, trade, ceremony, and governance that continue to inform Pueblo identity and cultural responsibility today; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Acoma has nominated the Greater Chaco Cultural Landscape for inclusion on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 2026 "11 Most Endangered Historic Places" list in order to elevate national awareness and support for the protection of this landscape; and

WHEREAS, the National Trust's "11 Most Endangered Historic Places" program is a nationally recognized platform that brings public attention, advocacy, and resources to historic places facing significant threats, and has historically played a meaningful role in advancing preservation outcomes across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Chaco Cultural Landscape continues to face ongoing and escalating threats from oil and gas development, mineral extraction, and associated infrastructure, as well as fragmented land management approaches that fail to account for the cumulative and landscape-scale impacts to cultural resources and Pueblo cultural practices; and

WHEREAS, Public Land Order No. 7923, issued in 2023, withdrew federal lands within a ten-mile radius of Chaco Culture National Historical Park from new oil and gas leasing for a period of twenty years, providing an important but limited measure of protection for a portion of the broader cultural landscape; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior is currently undertaking a review that may result in the revocation or modification of Public Land Order No. 7923, with a decision anticipated no later than June 2026, creating an immediate and urgent need to elevate awareness of the risks to the Greater Chaco Cultural Landscape; and

WHEREAS, APCG and its members have consistently called for landscape-scale protections, meaningful government-to-government consultation, and management approaches that recognize the living cultural significance of Greater Chaco and the ongoing responsibilities of Pueblo peoples to these places.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby expresses its collective support for the nomination of Chaco Canyon and the Greater Chaco Cultural Landscape to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 2026 "11 Most Endangered Historic Places" list; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the APCG recognizes the nomination initiated by the Pueblo of Acoma and supports the elevation of this landscape as a matter of national significance requiring immediate attention and action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the APCG affirms that the Greater Chaco Cultural Landscape is a living cultural landscape of ongoing importance to APCG's member Pueblos and Pueblo people, and that its protection requires coordinated, landscape-scale approaches grounded in meaningful tribal consultation; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman or his designee is authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this resolution, including transmitting this Resolution and any supporting materials to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in support of the nomination, and to engage in related advocacy consistent with this Resolution; and

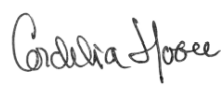
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the APCG calls upon federal agencies, elected officials, and the public to recognize the urgency of protecting the Greater Chaco Cultural Landscape and to support actions that ensure its preservation for present and future generations.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned officials of the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. APCG 2026-05 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on the 23rd day of April 2026, and at which time a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 19 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

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By: 
Joey Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Lt. Governor Cordelia Hooee, Secretary

