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RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION NO. APCG 2018-10

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING 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 .

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;



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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

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

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

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

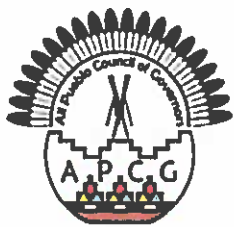
WHEREAS, the All Pueblo Council of Governors has opposed ongoing oil and gas leasing affecting Chaco Culture National Historic Park and the 20 Pueblos' cultural resources, traditional cultural properties, and sacred sites in the Greater Chaco Region by protesting the postponed March 2018 Oil and Gas lease sale, and voiced its concerns by acting as a Cooperating Agency to the Bureau of Land Management's Resource Management Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Senator Tom Udall intends to introduce legislation during the in the 115th Congress, Second Session titled the "Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2018"; and

WHEREAS, the "Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2018" 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 mineral leasing and geothermal leasing in an area surrounding Chaco Culture National Historic Park; and

WHEREAS, protection of core area described in the proposed "Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2018" 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

WHEREAS, the withdrawal of these federal lands from future 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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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 20 Pueblos express their emphatic support for the proposed "Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2018" planned to be introduced by Senator Tom Udall; and

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 2018" as they reasonably can to ensure the introduction and passage of this bill; and

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

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned officials of the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. APCG 2018-10 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on the 17th day of May, 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 3 absent.

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By: E. Paul Torres
APCG Chairman E. Paul Torres

ATTEST:

Val Panteah
Governor Val Panteah, APCG Secretary