



COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES

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Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT)

Resolution: 12-02-2022-Resolution #09 2022 (Washington DC)

Resolution in Support of the Honoring Promises to Native Nations Act

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT) was formally established in early April 2011, and is comprised of Tribes with large land base, including the Blackfeet Nation • Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe • Crow Nation • Eastern Shoshone Tribe • Fort Belknap Indian Community • Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nations • Navajo Nation • Northern Arapaho Tribe • Oglala Sioux Tribe • Rosebud Sioux Tribe • Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe • Shoshone Bannock Tribes • Spokane Tribe • Ute Indian Tribe • Walker River Paiute Tribe and is Chaired by President Kevin Killer, President Oglala Sioux Tribe: and

WHEREAS, COLT was organized to provide a unified advocacy base on all issues affecting tribes that govern large trust land bases and that strive to ensure the most beneficial use of those lands for tribes and individual Indian landowners; and

WHEREAS, COLT tribes consist of tribes that have a land base of 100,000 acres of land or more, of which, of the 574 Federally recognized Tribes, only 51 tribes meet this criteria; and these 51 tribes control 95 percent of tribal lands and consist of one half of the Native population: and

WHEREAS, COLT member tribes have participated for many years in outreach and advocacy with federal policymakers to address matters of pressing concern to Indian Country. COLT member tribes have often met with Senator Elizabeth Warren, who has always exhibited the highest respect and understanding for tribal sovereignty and commitment to helping Native Americans address acute and enduring concerns that she has taken the time to not only become informed, but also to analyze the issues and collaborate with tribal leaders to find practical solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Honoring Promises to Native Nations Act, crafted by Senator Warren and Representative Derek Kilmer, is designed to implement the recommendations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' landmark 2018 report, *Broken Promises: Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall for Native Americans*, which evaluated whether the federal government has met its Trust and Treaty obligations to tribes, particularly as to federal spending. The Broken Promises Report was premised on extensive tribal input, including from COLT member tribes, and set out the United States' epic failures in meeting the nation's Trust and Treaty obligations; and



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WHEREAS, in 2019, Senator Warren worked with then-Congresswoman Deb Haaland to further garner Indian Country input on solutions. The three-year effort that followed has resulted in a robust, inclusive draft bill that, if enacted, would do more to address the United States' solemn Trust and Treaty obligations than any other statute ever enacted by Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Honoring Promises to Native Nations Act addresses COLT member tribes' most urgent policy priorities, including: (I) Criminal Justice and Public Safety (using the exact language advance by COLT and the National Congress of American Indians); (II) Health Care; (III) Education; (IV) Housing; and (V) Economic Development. Each of the titles reflects significant tribal collaboration and what COLT member tribes believe are really the highest and best solutions to long-term systemic problems.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, it is the policy of COLT to support the Honoring Promises to Native Nations Act, and we urge all of our delegations to move to enact it as soon as possible; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of COLT until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was enacted at a duly called meeting of the Coalition of Large Tribes held on ancestral lands of the Anacostans (also documented as Nacotchtank), and the neighboring Piscataway and Pamunkey peoples, Washington, DC on December 02, 2022, at which a quorum was present, with the resolution approved unanimously.

Dated this December 02, 2022

Attest:


Nathan Small, Secretary, Coalition of Large Tribes


Kevin Killer, Chairman, Coalition of Large Tribes