

COLT

COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES

Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nations / Oglala Sioux Tribe / Navajo Nation / Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe / Blackfeet Tribe of Montana / Rosebud Sioux Tribe / Spokane Tribe / Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe / Ute Indian Tribe / Shoshone-Bannock Eastern Shoshone / Fort Belknap

Title: THE COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES, HEREBY ENDORSE AND SUPPORT DR. GAVIN CLARKSON IN HIS BID FOR NEW MEXICO'S 2ND, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN THE June 5, 2018 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY.

Resolution #: ABQ – 01 – 04/26/2018

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 Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nations, the Oglala Sioux Tribe, the Crow Tribe, the Navajo Nation, the Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, the Blackfeet Tribe of Montana, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Northern Ute, Shoshone Bannock, Colville Confederated Tribes, Ft. Belknap and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. COLT is chaired by Chairman Russell Begaye of the Navajo Nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gavin Clarkson (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma) is a candidate in the June 5, 2018 Republican primary for the open seat in New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clarkson is the only tribal member in the race with more than a quarter century of tribal economic development experience throughout Indian Country, including among the tribal nations in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clarkson was the President of the Native American Law Students Association at Harvard Law School where he was a *cum laude* graduate; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clarkson was the first tribal member ever to earn a doctorate from the Harvard Business School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clarkson is the only veteran, schoolteacher, economic development professional, and licensed investment banker in the Republican Primary; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clarkson was the faculty sponsor of the Native American Business Students Association at New Mexico State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clarkson has been named the nation's "leading scholar in tribal finance" by The Financial Times and has been cited by Bloomberg, the Wall Street Journal, and USA Today on matters of tribal finance and economic development, subjects he has taught as a professor at

the University of Michigan, the University of Houston, the University of Montana, and at New Mexico State University where he is currently on a leave of absence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clarkson has publicly called for any state that takes tribal gaming compact money to offer tuition waivers for any enrolled tribal member at any state university, college, junior college, or post-secondary vocational school in that state; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clarkson's primary economic expansion plan involves eliminating dual taxation on job creators in Indian Country, both in New Mexico and nationwide, which will provide a \$2 Billion economic stimulus to New Mexico and up to \$40 Billion nationwide without costing federal taxpayers a single penny; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clarkson is the only candidate in the race who respected tribal sovereignty and culture enough to ask for and receive permission from the Zia Pueblo to use its sacred symbol in his campaign literature; and

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED the Coalition of Large Land Based Tribes fully endorses Dr. Gavin Clarkson New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District in the June 5, 2018 Republican Primary.

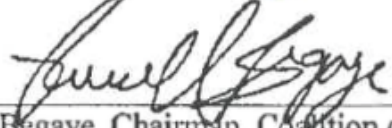
CERTIFICATION

This resolution was enacted at a duly called meeting of the Coalition of Large Tribes held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 26th, 2018, at which a quorum was present, with the resolution approved unanimously. Dated this 26th day of April 2018.

Attest:



David Browneagle, Secretary, Coalition of Large Tribes



Russell Begaye, Chairman, Coalition of Large Tribes