



COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES

A Resolution Entitled, "The Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT) Proposal for 2020 Legislation on Tribal Transportation for Large Land Based Tribes"

WHEREAS, we, the member Tribes of the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT), a federally chartered corporation, created to advocate for federally recognized large land base tribes; and

WHEREAS, COLT member tribes are unified to promote our sovereign rights to protect, enhance, control, utilize, and develop our respective land bases; and

WHEREAS, COLT seeks to educate the United States Congress, Executive Administration, the public and other tribes regarding the unique issues impacting tribes that govern large land bases; and

WHEREAS, COLT further advocates for legislative, regulatory, and policy reforms that impact large land base tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has a unique legal and political relationship with Tribes, which is recognized in the U.S. Constitution, federal statutes, and Supreme Court decisions; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has a legitimate interest in promoting and providing safe roads on Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Roads, as well as, Tribal Roads within the exterior boundaries of reservations; and

WHEREAS, the FAST Act is set to expire in 2020 and with the current formulas being used are harmful to Large Land Base Tribes to equal access to funding for Bureau of Indian Affairs Roads and Tribal Roads; and

WHEREAS, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and the Oglala Sioux Tribe have presented a proposal to Congress to consider in lieu of the current formula and the Coalition of Large Tribes supports their efforts; and

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WHEREAS, the Coalition of Large Tribes also submits to Congress alternative proposals which are titled, "COLT 2019 Transportation Proposal to Congress," attached herein; and

WHEREAS, COLT strongly urges Congress to consult and work with the Coalition of Large Tribes on the transportation proposal in creating new legislation for the betterment of roads and the safety of tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Large Tribes Executive Legislative Director is authorized to deliver this resolution to Congressional Delegations and Committees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT) calls on the United States Congress to consider, introduce, and pass legislation based upon our transportation proposals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the Coalition of Large Tribes until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Coalition of Large Tribes at the Second Quarterly Board Meeting via Conference Call on June 3, 2019, with a quorum present.



Mark N. Fox, Chairman

ATTEST:


Myron Lizer, Secretary

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