



COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES

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Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT)

Resolution: 08/16/2022 - Resolution # 02-2022 (NN TWIN ARROWS)

Resolution in support of the National American Indian Veterans (NAIV)

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 and is Chaired by President Kevin Killer, 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, U.S. Senators Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) and Ben Ray Luján (D-N.M.) reintroduced bipartisan legislation to create a Congressional Charter for the National American Indian Veterans (NAIV). Headquartered in South Dakota on the Cheyenne River Reservation, the NAIV is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to advocating for tribal veterans; and

WHEREAS, National American Indian Veterans (NAIV) started in 2004, and today the NAIV serves the needs of Native veterans in all 50 states. NAIV formed as a result of a request by Senators Akaka, Inouye, and Nighthorse Campbell during a Senate Veterans Affairs Committee hearing in 2004; and

WHEREAS, A congressional charter is a law passed by Congress that recognizes the mission and authority of a group or organization. The NAIV serves the needs and interests of Native veterans in collaboration with its national leadership and 14 regional offices. According to the United States Veterans Administration, in 2020 there are more than 140,000 Native veterans in the United States. While Congressional Charters have been granted to Italian-American, Polish-American and Catholic-American veterans groups, as of today, no Native veterans' organization has received a Congressional Charter: and



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WHEREAS, the Coalition of Large Tribes supports the National American Indian Veterans (NAIV) and respectfully the Congressional Delegations from the States COLT Tribes are location support and/or co-sponsor this legislation: and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Congressional Delegation, support and/or cosponsor the National American Indian Veterans (NAIV) legislation.

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 Navajo Nation, Twin Arrows Casino, 22181 Resort Blvd. Flagstaff, AZ on August 16th, 2022 at which a quorum was present, with the resolution approved unanimously.

Dated this August 16th, 2022

Attest:



Nathan Small, Secretary, Coalition of Large Tribes



Kevin Killer, Chairman, Coalition of Large Tribes