



COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES

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Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT)

Resolution: 08-16-2022 #03-2022 (NN-Twin Arrows)

Resolution in support of the CDC Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Act (S. 3968)

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, United States Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Representative Ruben Gallego (D-Ariz.), Senator Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), and Representative Tom Cole (R-Okla.) introduced the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Act, legislation that would ensure tribal nations have equal access to funding through the CDC to prepare for public health emergencies. Currently, tribal nations are not eligible to apply for the CDC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement program that provides grants to local public health departments to help them prepare for emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on Indian Country, in part worsened by inequities in access to public health prevention and mitigation resources. While the Indian Health Service serves as the primary federal agency charged with providing health care in Indian Country, all federal agencies – including the CDC – share the obligation to fulfill the federal government's Trust and Treaty obligations to Native Nations. The *CDC Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Act* would:

- Allow tribal nations and tribal organizations to apply directly to the CDC PHEP program;
- Require the CDC to fund at least ten tribes for emergency preparedness and include a 5% tribal set-aside of total CDC PHEP funds;



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- Exempt tribes from needing to match funds and waive many of the reporting requirements to minimize the administrative burden on tribal nations; and
- Require the CDC to consult with tribal nations and tribal organizations and allow the CDC to make certain modifications to the program to fit the needs of tribal applicants; and

WHEREAS, COLT is asking its Congressional Delegations to protect and advance tribal sovereignty, to emphasize the federal government's trust and treaty responsibilities to tribal nations, and to affirm Washington's government-to-government relationship with tribal nations by supporting and co-sponsoring S. 3968.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, it is the policy of COLT to support S. 3968, the CDC Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Act; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the COLT calls upon its Congressional Delegations to support or co-sponsor S. 3968, the CDC Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Act; 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 the 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