



**COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES**

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**Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT)**

**Resolution: 10-19-2022 Resolution # 05-2022 (WR-Las Vegas)**

**Resolution Supporting the Nomination of Ms. Patrice Kunesch to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services**

**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 Tribe of Montana • 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, 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 seeks to educate the United States Congress, the 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**, on June 22, 2022, President Joe Biden nominated Patrice H. Kunesch, of Minnesota, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Kunesch has devoted herself to a life of public service to American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Kunesch is deeply committed to protect tribal sovereignty, preserve Native American culture, language and tradition and building brighter futures for Native American communities; and



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**WHEREAS**, Ms. Kunesh is eminently qualified to serve in this important role.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, COLT strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Kunesh by the U.S. Senate; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, COLT requests each U.S. Senator of each congressional delegation of each Member tribe to urge his or her respective leadership that this confirmation be brought up immediately for a vote by the U.S. Senate; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, COLT urges the U.S. Senate to swiftly confirm Ms. Kunesh.

**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 in Las Vegas, Nevada within the home state of the Walker River Paiute Tribe on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at which a quorum was present, with the resolution approved unanimously.

Dated this October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Attest:

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Nathan Small, Secretary, Coalition of Large Tribes

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Kevin Killer, Chairman, Coalition of Large Tribes