



COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES

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Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT)

Resolution: 10-19-2022 Resolution # 04-2022 (WR-Las Vegas)

Resolution Supporting the Nomination of Mr. Arlando Teller to be Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, United States Department of Transportation

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, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established structures within the Department of Transportation to support Tribal communities through technical assistance, established an Office of Tribal Affairs, and changed the Tribal Affairs leadership in DOT. These changes included moving the Tribal Affairs Program from the Government Affairs Office and allowing the Tribal Affairs Program to stand independently within the Office of the Secretary (OST) at the Department of Transportation. The BIL also changed the Tribal Affairs leadership in DOT by elevating the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs to the position of Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs; and



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WHEREAS, the BIL improvements to DOT Tribal Affairs were eagerly welcomed by COLT’s member tribes, who routinely suffer unsafe road conditions, unfair funding mechanisms, and gross underinvestment in transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arlando Teller, a citizen of the Navajo Nation, a COLT member tribe, with broad and deep transportation policy experience, has served as DOT Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs since 2021, and in COLT’s view, he has served with distinction. We have been impressed by his knowledge, keen engagement and abiding respect for his mission to help tribes meet the transportation needs of their citizens. DAS Teller knows COLT member tribes’ issues because he has lived them growing up on the Navajo Nation. He hears us, he listens and he is committed to the United States doing better to honor its transportation obligations to tribes. He is responsive and accessible. He is exactly the voice tribes need at DOT.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT) wholly supports the nomination of Mr. Arlando Teller to be Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, United States Department of Transportation.

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 19th, 2022 at which a quorum was present, with the resolution approved unanimously.

Dated this October 19th, 2022

Attest:



Nathan Small, Secretary, Coalition of Large Tribes



Kevin Killer, Chairman, Coalition of Large Tribes