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Resolution: 08-16-2022-Resolution # 04-2022 (NN-Twin Arrows)

Resolution in Support of the United States Department of the Interior's Restoration of Tribal Homelands by Adopting a Policy to Cancel or Rescind Any Fee Patent or Permit to Authorize or Support Indian Boarding Schools

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, a number of COLT member Tribes were dispossessed of significant Reservation lands by the Department of the Interior's authorization and support for Indian Boarding Schools; and

WHEREAS, as detailed in DOI's May 2022 *Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report*, the purpose of the Indian Board School Policy was to assimilate Indians and dispossess Indians of our lands and those policies have since been repudiated by the United States;

WHEREAS, the gains of the Catholic Church, other religious organizations, and third parties in acquiring Indian lands in connection with Indian Boarding Schools were ill-gotten and most of those facilities are no longer in operation, serving their original purpose or mission, or serving Indian people in any way;



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WHEREAS, the lands wrongfully taken from Tribes in support of Indian Boarding Schools are valuable and should be returned to Tribes to help us address the many intergenerational social ills from which we still suffer caused by the Indian Boarding Schools.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, it is the policy of COLT to support DOI's Restoration of Tribal Homelands by adoption of policies requiring the cancellation and rescission of any fee patent, permit, or other authorization supporting Indian Boarding Schools.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is the policy of COLT to also support H.R. 5444, the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act, and any other Federal act or policy that would provide trauma healing resources, a formal public apology by the United States to Indian people specific to Indian Boarding Schools and other failed federal Indian policies--such as that memorialized in Section 8113 of H.R. 3326, Defense Appropriations Act of 2010 signed into law by President Obama, and any additional resources that would assist Tribes in understanding the facts of Indian Boarding Schools on our Reservations and healing in culturally-appropriate ways.

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