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Resolution: February 18, 2025, 2025-Resolution #05-2025 (Rapid City)

Resolution of COLT Calling on Congress to Maintain or Increase Current Funding Levels for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Other Federal Food Assistance Programs

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 • Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation • Crow Creek Sioux Tribe • Crow Nation • Eastern Shoshone Tribe • Fort Belknap Indian Community • Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation • Muscogee (Creek) Nation • Navajo Nation • Northern Arapaho Tribe • Northern Cheyenne Tribe • Oglala Sioux Tribe • Rosebud Sioux Tribe • San Carlos Apache Tribe • Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe • Shoshone Bannock Tribes • Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation • Spirit Lake Nation • Spokane Tribe • Standing Rock Sioux Tribe • Ute Indian Tribe • Ute Mountain Ute Tribe • Walker River Paiute Tribe and is Chaired by J. Garret Renville of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, South Dakota; 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 further advocates for legislative, regulatory, and policy reforms that impact large land base Tribes and our citizens; and

WHEREAS, access to adequate food and nutrition is a vital concern to COLT members, and to Tribal Nations across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the price of food has risen dramatically in recent times, causing families in our communities to struggle more than ever to feed their families; and

WHEREAS, many of our communities comprise some of the lowest-income regions in the United States; and



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WHEREAS, federal programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill, provide much needed food assistance and food security to families in our communities; and

WHEREAS, according to USDA data, SNAP provides benefits to 24% of American Indian households, while 276 tribes and 100 inter-tribal organizations administer the FDPIR; and

WHEREAS, overall, approximately 25% of American Indians receive some type of federal food assistance, and in some tribal communities, participation is as high as 60% to 80%; and

WHEREAS, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provides free, healthy foods and other support to pregnant, recently pregnant, and breastfeeding women, infants, and young children in our communities in need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, without these sources of federal assistance, many of our tribal members and their families—including our youth and our elders—would be unable to afford adequate food and nutrition; and

WHEREAS, lack of access to healthy foods and adequate nutrition contributes heavily to the disproportionate rates of obesity and chronic disease in Indian country and the disproportionately low life expectancy of Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, Congress is considering over \$200 billion in cuts to SNAP and other federal programs that help feed vulnerable Americans; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the health and welfare of our tribal citizens that Congress continue to appropriate funding at or above current levels to enable federal food assistance programs to continue to serve Indian country.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that COLT hereby calls upon the United States Congress to continue to fund the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other federal food assistance programs at or above current funding levels for Indian country.


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of COLT until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.



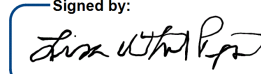
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Attest:

Signed by:

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J. Garret Renville, Chairman, Coalition of Large Tribes

Signed by:

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Lisa White Pipe, Secretary / Treasurer, Coalition of Large Tribes

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was enacted at virtual meeting of the Coalition of Large Tribes held February 18, 2025 at which a quorum was present, with the resolution approved unanimously.

Dated this February 18, 2025