



COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES

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Resolution: August-30-2024-Resolution #07-2024 (Virtual)

Resolution of COLT support regarding Establishment of an Indigenous Olympics Committee for LA 2028

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 Nation • Eastern Shoshone Tribe • Fort Belknap Indian Community • Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation • Muscogee (Creek) Nation • Navajo Nation • Northern Arapaho 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 • Spokane Tribe • Ute Indian Tribe • Ute Mountain Ute Tribe • Walker River Paiute Tribe and is Chaired by Marvin Weatherwax, Blackfeet Nation; 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

WHEREAS, The Olympic Games serve as a global platform that promotes unity, diversity, and athletic excellence. Indigenous peoples in the United States possess a rich history of cultural traditions and athletic achievements that embody the Olympic spirit. Recognizing this, there is a call to create an Indigenous Committee for LA 2028 within the American Olympics Committee to support and promote Indigenous athletes, coaches, sports, products, foods, history and more; and

WHEREAS, establishing such a committee would enhance awareness and appreciation of Indigenous cultures, traditions, and contributions to sports and society. It would provide a dedicated space for Indigenous voices and perspectives, contribute to reconciliation and a more inclusive representation of American athletes in the Olympic movement; and



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WHEREAS, this committee would play a crucial role in developing policies, initiatives, and partnerships that benefit Indigenous athletes and communities, increasing their opportunities for participation and success in the Olympic Games for 2028. Its creation would align with the American Olympics Committee's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, ensuring that Indigenous contributions are recognized and valued.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that COLT fully supports the creation of an Indigenous Olympics Committee in partnership with Sicangu Corporation, COLT, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and Billy Mills foundation "Running Strong for American Indian Youth" to promote Indigenous Heritage, Indigenous Producers, and an Indigenous presence at the LA 2028 Olympics, ensuring a platform for Indigenous voices and contributions on the world stage; and

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

Attest:

Marvin Weatherwax, Chairman, Coalition of Large Tribes

Crystalyne Curley, Secretary, Coalition of Large Tribes

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was enacted at virtual meeting of the Coalition of Large Tribes held August 30, 2024 at which a quorum was present, with the resolution approved unanimously.

Dated this August 30, 2024.