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Resolution: 12-10-2025 Resolution # 12-2025 (WR-Las Vegas)

Resolution in Support of the Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act of 2025 (H.R. 4712/S. 2452) or Similar Legislation

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT) was formally established in early April 2011, and is comprised of Tribes with large land bases, including the Blackfeet Nation • Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe • Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation • Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation of Oregon • Crow Creek Sioux Tribe • Crow Nation • Eastern Shoshone Tribe • Fort Belknap Indian Community • Hopi Tribe • Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation • Mescalero Apache Tribe • Muscogee (Creek) Nation • Navajo Nation • Northern Arapaho Tribe • Northern Cheyenne Tribe • Rosebud Sioux Tribe • San Carlos Apache Tribe • Shoshone-Bannock Tribes • Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation • Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe • Spirit Lake Nation • Spokane Tribe • Standing Rock Sioux Tribe • Ute Indian Tribe • Ute Mountain Ute Tribe • Walker River Paiute Tribe; and

WHEREAS, COLT was organized to provide a unified advocacy base on all issues affecting tribes that govern large trust bases and that strive to ensure the most beneficial use of those lands for tribes and individual Indian landowners; and

WHEREAS, tribal communities have long suffered inadequate funding for public safety; and

WHEREAS, adequate funding is essential to public safety and yet unmet need as to public safety is right up front in the Tribal Law and Order Report released by BIA-OJS in March 2024:

This report fulfills the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) reporting requirements (see Appendix C) in the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 regarding existing and needed spending, staffing, and estimated costs for BIA-funded Public Safety and Justice Programs in Indian Country for 2021. **Overall, Indian country BIA public safety and justice is funded at just under 13% of total need and an additional 25,655 personnel are required to adequately serve Indian country.** The need estimates are driven by scalable budget models applying operational benchmarks such as the Department



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of Justice benchmark of 2.8 officers per thousand members of the service population.

(Emphasis supplied)(noting the 2.8 officer standard is inadequate in communities like large land base tribes which face much more significant jurisdictional challenges than other rural governments).

As of the 2021 budget, we are \$3 billion short on public safety and justice. 87% of Indian Country's need is completely unmet; and

WHEREAS, COLT has consistently called on Congress to adequately fund tribal public safety. See Resolution: [February 18, 2025, 2025-Resolution #03-2025 \(Rapid City\), RESOLUTION OF COLT SUPPORT FOR FULL FUNDING OF TRIBAL PUBLIC SAFETY IN 2025 RECONCILIATION OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET](#); and

WHEREAS, tribal law enforcement officers do not have access to federal pension and retirement benefits; and

WHEREAS, this lack of parity for tribal law enforcement officers makes recruitment and retention of these officers challenging for tribal nations; and

WHEREAS, in July 2025, the Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act (H.R. 4712/S. 2452) was introduced by Senator Maria Cantwell of Washington, Senator Markwayne Mullin of Oklahoma, Representative Dan Newhouse of Washington, and Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act of 2025 helps Tribal police departments hire and retain law enforcement officers by providing access to federal retirement, pension, death, and injury benefits similar to those of law enforcement officers from non-tribal jurisdictions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT) fully supports the passage of the bipartisan, bicameral Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act, or similar legislation, to strengthen benefits for tribal law enforcement and to ensure that sovereign Tribal Nations are able to keep their communities safe; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, COLT calls upon Congress to fully fund BIA, OJS to support parity at the House appropriations level for Fiscal Year 2026; and

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 meeting of the Coalition of Large Tribes held December 10, 2025 at which a quorum was present, with the resolution approved unanimously.

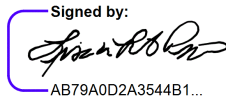
Dated this December 10, 2025.

Attest:

Signed by:

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J. Garret Renville, Chairman, Coalition of Large Tribes

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