



**COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES**

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

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**Resolution: 03-20-2026 #1**

**RESOLUTION STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH FIRST NATIONS TO PROTECT SOVEREIGN TREATIES  
AGAINST THE THREAT OF PROVINCIAL OR REGIONAL ENCROACHMENT OR INTERFERENCE**

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 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 and 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, in Treaties, the United States pledged to protect Indian tribes, guaranteed the right of tribal self-government, protection, safety and economic development, and has undertaken a trust responsibility to promote the viability of Indian reservations and lands as permanent homelands for tribes. Our Treaties are binding contracts in perpetuity entered into in exchange for the lands that make our United States of America great; and

WHEREAS, some COLT tribes have relatives and sister tribes on both sides of the U.S.-Canadian border, Treaty rights on both sides of the border and lands on both side of the border, including for example, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in British Columbia and the Blackfeet Nation as part of the Blackfoot Confederacy in Alberta; and

WHEREAS, COLT maintains covenants with one country affect tribes across the continent and the First Nations situated within Alberta's current borders are presently and actively defending their inherent Right to Self-Determination against provincial overreach; and



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WHEREAS, COLT understands current political discussions regarding Albertan separation and creating an independent state seek to bypass established nation-to-nation agreements, thereby potentially threatening the guarantees found in Treaties 6, 7, and 8—foundational nation-to-nation agreements formalized with the Crown long before the province existed; and

WHEREAS, COLT hears the echoes of termination policies as such attempts to dismantle Treaty protections strike at the heart of tribal sovereignty and resemble the jurisdictional battles historically fought by tribes throughout the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, COLT recognizes a profound responsibility to stand as one with Native Peoples throughout North America who share a duty to protect our sovereignty from external interference, obligating COLT to unite with our northern relatives to preserve these sacred promises to our ancestral homes and safeguard the integrity of our lands and solemn Treaty obligations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT) formally backs the First Nations of Treaties 6, 7, and 8, and rejects and opposes any provincial mandates that impose upon Treaty rights without the consent of the First Nations signatories to those Treaties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that COLT urges the Government of Canada to honor the spirit and intent of the Treaties entered into on behalf of the Crown, maintaining the integrity of the nation-to-nation relationship against unilateral provincial actions that imperil those obligations; and

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

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was approved for action at a duly-called meeting of the Coalition of Large Tribes held at the Flamingo Hotel Las Vegas, 3555 Las Vegas Blvd S, Las Vegas NV on December 10, 2025 at which a quorum was present, with the resolution approved unanimously.

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