



ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

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E. Paul Torres, Chairman
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RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION NO. APCG 2019-25

SUPPORTING THE EDUCATION INSTITUTE YAZZIE REMEDY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Acoma

Cochiti

Isleta

Jemez

Laguna

Nambe

Ohkay Owingeh

Picuris

Pojoaque

Sandia

San Felipe

San Ildefonso

Santa Ana

Santa Clara

Santo Domingo

Taos

Tesuque

Ysleta Del Sur

Zia

Zuni

WHEREAS, the All Pueblo Council of Governors (APCG) is comprised of the Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Sandia, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Zia, and Zuni and one pueblo in Texas, Ysleta Del Sur, each having sovereign authority to govern their own affairs;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the APCG is to advocate, foster, protect, and encourage the social, cultural and traditional well-being of the Pueblo Nations; and

WHEREAS, through their inherent sovereign rights, the APCG will promote the language, health, economic, natural resources, and educational advancement of all Pueblo people; and

WHEREAS, Pueblo governments and their tribal members, including those members enrolled in New Mexico public school districts, enjoy a “unique political status” with federal and state governments; this “unique political status” which is derived from the U.S. Constitution and has been upheld by federal courts including the U.S. Supreme Court, allows a New Mexico Public Education Department and New Mexico public school districts to offer programs and services specifically for Native American students; and

WHEREAS, the APCG has established education as a high priority and has a long-demonstrated history of advocacy to impact and create policies, programs, budgets and legislation at the local, state and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, the APCG publicly expressed and actively supported *Yazzie/Martinez vs. the State of New Mexico*, and publicly commended all who worked tirelessly preparing for litigation and those who provided expert testimony during trial to realize the historic and landmark decision declared by the late Honorable Judge Sarah Singleton; and



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WHEREAS, the APCG supported the Leadership Institute's Pueblo Convocation on Education in July of 2018 to develop policy, program, budget and legislative recommendations in alignment with the landmark *Yazzie/Martinez* decision; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, in a special APCG meeting held during the Pueblo Convocation on Education, a historic resolution (APCG Resolution No. 2018-21) was enacted to formally endorse the remedy recommendations from early childhood education, primary and secondary education, higher education, native languages, children with disabilities, mental and behavioral health, social welfare services, college readiness, tribal libraries, governance, accountability and assessments and the overarching framework of cultural knowledge transfer in response to the *Yazzie/Martinez* decision; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations in APCG Resolution No. 2018-21 were fully incorporated into the larger *Yazzie* Remedy Framework developed by Transform Education New Mexico, the official work group led by New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty and the APCG fully supported the *Yazzie* Remedy Platform as developed by key education stakeholders, including the *Yazzie* plaintiff school districts and families, and hundreds of teachers, superintendents, school boards, community groups, local education experts, tribal representatives including representatives of the APCG Education Committee in preparation for the 2019 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, the APCG actively supported the *Yazzie* Remedy Framework legislative initiatives during the 2019 legislative session and were deeply disappointed that the legislature failed to enact the majority of the proposed remedies; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the failed efforts, the APCG taking responsibility to further the development of strategies and the development of a collaborative and comprehensive response to the *Yazzie/Martinez* decision, enacted APCG Resolution No. 2019-13, in May of 2019, supporting the commencement of an Education Institute to be organized by the Leadership Institute; and

WHEREAS the Leadership Institute worked in collaboration with the New Mexico Department of Public Education (NMPED), members of the APCG Education Committee, and other advocates to collaboratively formulate recommendations on policy, program, budget and legislative initiatives in preparation for the 2020 legislative session; and

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WHEREAS, on July 22-24th, 2019, the Education Institute convened over 150 Pueblo and tribal representatives to develop recommendations from early childhood education, primary and secondary education, higher education, native languages, children with disabilities, mental and behavioral health, social welfare services, college readiness, tribal libraries, governance, accountability and assessments and the overarching framework of cultural knowledge transfer on policy, program, budget and legislative initiatives for the 2020 legislative session.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the APCG hereby formally supports the culturally and linguistically appropriate recommendations for the 2020 Legislative Session, which are aligned with the *Yazzie/Martinez* decision, developed by the Pueblo and Tribal representatives at the Leadership Institute and NMPED sponsored convening of the Education Institute held on July 22-24th at the Santa Ana Star, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these recommendations addressing early childhood education, primary and secondary education, higher education, native languages, children with disabilities, mental and behavioral health, social welfare services, college readiness, tribal libraries, governance, accountability and assessments and the overarching framework of cultural knowledge transfer are outlined and delineated in Exhibit A.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the APCG Chairman E. Paul Torres and the Office of the All Pueblo Council of Governors are authorized to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned officials of the All Pueblo council of Governors, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution 2019-25 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on the 22nd day of August 2019, at which time, a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 3 absent.

By:


APCG Chairman, E. Paul Torres

ATTEST:


Governor Val Panteah, Sr. APCG Secretary