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Good afternoon,

I hope this message finds you well. On behalf of the All Pueblo Council of Governors, please see the attached APCG Resolution 2020-03 Supporting the State of New Mexico's Efforts to Enact Nationally Leading Rules to Limit Methane Pollution and Waste from Oil and Gas Development. This resolution expresses Pueblos' collective support for the State to enact strong, statewide, and comprehensive methane rules that would lead to at least a 60 percent reduction in emissions and waste and supports robust opportunities for meaningful government to government consultation between the State and Pueblos in development and implementation of these regulations. Thank you and please don't hesitate to reach out to our office if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. APCG 2020-03

SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO'S EFFORTS TO ENACT NATIONALLY LEADING RULES TO LIMIT METHANE POLLUTION AND WASTE FROM OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the All Pueblo Council of Governors 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 the sovereign authority to govern their own affairs; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the 20 Pueblos possess inherent government authority and sovereignty over their lands; and

WHEREAS, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham via Executive Order 2019-003 "Addressing Climate Change and Energy Waste Prevention" has made addressing climate change a priority to protect the state's limited water resources and the health of its residents by setting an aggressive goal of a 45 percent reduction in statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Environment Department and Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department have been charged by this order with establishing statewide, comprehensive and enforceable regulations to reduce methane pollution and waste from the oil and gas industry in 2020; and

WHEREAS, methane emissions from the oil and gas industry are a leading source of New Mexico's greenhouse gas emissions and efforts to limit climate change and transition to cleaner energy sources will protect the water, air, health, well-being and cultural longevity of Pueblo Nations and communities; and

WHEREAS, NASA scientists in 2014 discovered the nation's most concentrated plume of methane pollution over New Mexico's San Juan Basin and subsequent studies

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have linked the methane hot spot directly to pollution from oil and gas sources in the region; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Lung Association, New Mexico's largest oil and gas producing counties currently receive poor grades for ozone smog pollution, which impacts the health and wellness of nearby Pueblo and tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the venting, flaring and leaking of methane from drilling sites impacts the integrity of cultural resources and landscapes of the Greater Chaco Region as an internationally recognized Dark Sky Park; and

WHEREAS, an analysis by the Environmental Defense Fund finds current estimates indicate methane pollution and waste in New Mexico currently amount to $275 million per year in wasted energy resources and an additional $43 million per year in tax and royalty revenue that could be funding New Mexico's public schools and contributing to education of Pueblo students; and

WHEREAS, the study additionally finds that over the next five years, New Mexico has the opportunity to eliminate up to 60 percent of methane emissions stemming from the oil and gas industry by implementing a suite of nationally leading controls; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is ranked tenth in the nation and is home to 11 companies that specialize in methane mitigation, and policies that require drillers to use these tools and services could bolster this growing industry and provide sustainable, highly skilled, and good-paying jobs including for Pueblo communities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the All Pueblo Council of Governors support Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and the current administration's efforts to enact nationally leading rules to limit methane pollution and waste from oil and gas development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the All Pueblo Council of Governors calls upon the New Mexico Environment and Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Departments to enact strong, statewide and comprehensive methane rules in 2020 that would lead to at least a 60 percent reduction in emissions and waste; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the All Pueblo Council of Governors support the development and implementation of these regulations by the State to include robust opportunities for meaningful government-to-government consultation between the State of New Mexico and Pueblos.

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CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned officials of the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. APCG 2020-03 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on the 27th day of August 2020, and at which time a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 12 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain, and 8 absent.

ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

By:

J. Michael Chavarria, APCG Chairman

ATTEST:

Governor David M. Toledo, APCG Secretary