



## COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES

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**A Resolution Entitled, "Support of New Mexico State Representative Georgene Louis as the Democratic Party of New Mexico nomination to fill US Representative Deb Haaland's 1<sup>st</sup> District Congressional set upon her confirmation; as Secretary of Interior"**

**WHEREAS**, we, the member Tribes of the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT), a federally chartered corporation, created to advocate for federally recognized large land base tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, COLT member tribes are unified to promote our sovereign rights to protect, enhance, control, utilize, and develop our respective land bases; and

**WHEREAS**, COLT seeks to educate the United States Congress, Executive Administration, the public and other tribes regarding the unique issues impacting tribes that govern large land bases; and

**WHEREAS**, COLT further advocates for legislative, regulatory, and policy reforms that impact large land base tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico State Representative Georgene Louis is an enrolled citizen of the Pueblo of Acoma, and one of the first Pueblo women elected to the New Mexico State Legislature and has spent her life standing up for Native communities, as well as standing up for public lands, environment, Native people, and many other issues Americans are facing every day. Representative Georgene Louis is an attorney elected five times to represent Albuquerque's 26<sup>th</sup> District. Currently, she serves as General Counsel for the Pueblo of Tesuque and was appointed a Justice at the Pueblo de San Ildefonso Supreme Court. Louis began her career as an attorney with the Chestnut Law Offices, which serves as General Counsel to the Pueblo of Acoma. Louis has also served as Executive Director of the Isleta Gaming Regulatory Agency.

**WHEREAS**, of the many Leadership position within the New Mexico House of Representatives she serves as Chair of the House State Government, Elections, and Indian Affairs committee and co-chairs the Interim Indian Affairs Committee. Representative Georgene Louis has also held leadership roles as Vice-Chair of House Judiciary and House Parliamentarian. She is the Secretary of the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators and sits on the board of directors for the



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National Caucus of Legislators from Gaming States and is well qualified to hold the position of United States Congresswoman.

**WHEREAS**, Representative Georgene Louis is a leading New Mexican voice on the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women. Representative Georgene Louis's New Mexico Civil Rights Act that places a moratorium on qualified immunity has passed through the House State Government, Elections, and Indian Affairs Committee.

**WHEREAS**, Representative Georgene Louis develops historic and comprehensive legislation, "Native Language Education Program Unit", "Native American Polling Place Protection", "Native American Library, Internet, and Education", "Native Women's Business Institute", "Native American Early Childhood Education", "Add Fort Sill Apache To Advisory Councils", "Acoma-Keres Language Dictionary In Schools", "UNM Native American Student Services", "Juvenile Delinquency Notices to Tribes", "Community Health Study Fund & Uranium Mining".; and

**WHEREAS**, COLT strongly urges Democratic Party of New Mexico to select Representative Georgene Louis as their nomination to represent the Democratic party in the Special Election for Representative Deb Haaland's, New Mexico's 1st congressional district if she is confirmed as the United States Secretary of Interior; and

**WHEREAS**, the nomination of Representative Georgene Louis will strengthen the relationship between Tribes and States not only in New Mexico but throughout the United States and will continue the historic endorsement of sending a Native American Indian to Congress: and

**WHEREAS**, the Coalition of Large Tribes Executive Director will deliver said resolution to the Democratic Party of New Mexico; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT) strongly endorses New Mexico State Legislature Representative Georgene Louis for the nomination by the Democratic Party of New Mexico as the parties candidate to replace US Representative Deb Haaland's congressional seat if her nomination to the US Secretary of Interior.

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



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### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Coalition of Large Tribes at a duly held board meeting on February 19, 2021, with a quorum present.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark N. Fox".

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Mark N. Fox, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Myron Lizer, Secretary