

**SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE  
SAN CARLOS APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION  
SAN CARLOS, ARIZONA**

**RESOLUTION**

**(To support Vice President Kamala Harris  
for the Office of President of the United States  
and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz  
for the Office of Vice President of the United States)**

**No. AU-24-150**

**WHEREAS**, the San Carlos Apache Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the provisions of section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 stat, 984); and

**WHEREAS**, the San Carlos Council (“Council”) has the authority, among other things, to “represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to [the Tribe’s] Constitution and Bylaws, pursuant to Article V, Section 1(a) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the San Carlos Apache Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council recognizes Vice President Kamala Harris’s decades of experience in health care and law enforcement, having served as an Alameda Deputy Country Attorney, member of the California Medical Assistance Commission and the California Medical Assistance Commission, and as Assistant District Attorney and then as District Attorney for San Francisco, where, most notably, she prosecuted homicide, burglary, robbery and sexual assault cases, and in her capacity as Attorney General of California, leading the second largest law department in the country and where she went after excess state Medi-Cal and federal Medicare fraud, obtained better terms in the National Mortgage Settlement against the nation’s five largest mortgage bankers, obtained judgement against a for-profit college for false advertising and deceptive marketing, opposed California’s ban on affirmative action, protected consumers from invasions of privacy by software companies and prosecuted sex-trafficking on Internet sites, launched a progressive recidivism reduction and job re-entry program, prioritized environmental protection, securing a settlement for an oil spill and settling claims against a car manufacturer for cheating emissions standards, instituted body cameras and principled policing procedures and training to help law enforcement officers effect neutral policing and community based policing, and oversaw prosecutions of transnational criminal organization involved in violent crime, fraud, drug trafficking and smuggling; and

**WHEREAS,** as Senator, she championed legislation to fight hunger, provide rent relief, improve maternal health care, expand access to capital for small businesses, revitalize America's infrastructure, and combat the climate crisis; and

**WHEREAS,** as Vice President, she has stood for women's rights and childcare, fought to bring insulin down to \$35 per month, led bi-partisan negotiations for legislation on immigration, formulated the Central America Forward initiative that yielded more than \$4.2 billion in private sector commitments to support local jobs and other measures to slow the flow of mass migration, stood at the forefront of the Administration's pursuit to codify voting rights protections and efforts to pass the Freedom to Vote Act, set a new record for the most tie-breaking votes cast by a Vice President in history; and

**WHEREAS,** the Biden-Harris Administration has led our country through unprecedented crises – a raging pandemic, staggering unemployment, a climate crisis and racial injustice, delivering results for working families and Indian Country, by having:

- Created nearly 11 million jobs – more people are working than at any point in American history, including 750,000 manufacturing jobs, reducing unemployment from nearly 7% to a 50-year low and now at 4.3%;
- Overseen a 30% increase in the stock market since taking office;
- Rebuilt America's infrastructure, making the largest investment in public transit, roads and bridges since the Interstate Highway System, ensuring access to clean drinking water, and providing high-speed internet to rural communities, building a more resilient power grid and investing in new, green clean energy technologies;
- Expanded benefits for Veterans; and
- Provided leadership on immigration, keeping Title 42 to expel a record 2.8 million illegal migrants and negotiating bi-partisan legislation to close the border and increase deportations, which unfortunately was terminated by the Republican candidate to benefit his campaign at the expense of the interests of the American people; and

**WHEREAS,** the Council recognizes that Biden-Harris Administration has an extensive and successful record working on issues of the upmost importance to San Carlos and to Indian country as a whole, namely by:

- Honoring the Nation's treaty and trust responsibilities and empowering Tribes to meet the needs of their communities, taking steps to listen to and understand the needs and priorities of Tribes, reform federal processes, and improve health, education, safety and welfare across Indian Country by making historic investments;
- Securing legislation that has benefited the economy of the United States and Indian Country, namely the American Rescue Plan, Inflation Reduction Act, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Investing in America agenda – the largest direct federal investment in Indian Country in American history to ensure long-term success in addressing critical infrastructure and climate adaptation and resiliency, natural resources management, education, human services and transportation;
- Supporting Tribal Conservation through Co-Stewardship of Public Lands and Waters;
- Committing to Tribal water rights settlement funding to ensure safe, reliable homeland water supplies to improve public and environmental health and support economic opportunity in Tribal communities;
- Supporting for child welfare in Tribal communities, including culturally appropriate prevention and support services, foster care, kinship supports, reunification services, guardianship or adoption support, and child welfare staff and training;
- Prioritizing efforts to end gender-based violence against Native women;
- Supporting expansion of affordable housing, improvements to housing conditions and infrastructure, and increased economic opportunities for low-income families;
- Leading the enactment of an advance appropriation for 2024 for the Indian Health Service, which secured adequate and stable funding for healthcare, especially for clinical services, cancer treatment and diabetes prevention;
- Proposing reclassification of P.L. 93-638 contract support costs and section 105(l) leases as mandatory spending in the 2024 Budget, beginning in 2026 to provide certainty in spending;
- Advocating for the importance of Tribal and federal lands and the significance of natural and cultural resources found on these lands and supports protecting them from desecration and destruction;

- Demonstrating their Administration's commitment to understanding the needs of Tribal communities by supporting nation-to-nation relationships during their tenure as seen in the creation of the White House Council on Native American Affairs and the White House Tribal Nations Conference, prioritizing tribal consultation, and appointing Native Americans in high-level government positions;
- And, while Native youth are three times more likely than white youth to find themselves in the juvenile justice system and are overrepresented in detention facilities that are not equipped to meet their needs, the Biden-Harris Administration has cut the population of incarcerated youth by supporting community-based alternatives to incarceration like mentorship, counseling, and jobs to give youth an opportunity for success; and

**WHEREAS,** Vice President Harris's campaign launched "Republicans for Harris" with more than 25 GOP endorsements, including former secretaries Chuck Hagel and Ray LaHood, as well as former GOP governors and lawmakers; and

**WHEREAS,** Vice President Harris is a committed church going member of the Third Baptist Church, and a wide number of evangelical communities have come to support the Harris-Walz campaign, as noted by, among others, the Faith Voters, a national public policy organization of evangelicals, (<https://www.faithvoters.com/evangelicals-for-harris>), Rev. Rob Schenck (<https://www.patheos.com/blogs/truthrevealed/2024/07/a-christian-case-for-kamala-harris/>); Faithful America's petition of 13,000 Christians who support Vice President Harris (<https://www.newsweek.com/christian-petition-rebukes-religious-kamala-harris-attacks-1933163>), the Episcopal AME Church Women's Missionary Society, the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc., the National Action Network, and the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc.; and

**WHEREAS,** Vice President Harris's running mate, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, is also a leader whose record includes being a high school teacher, coach, a Veteran who served for 24 years in the U.S. Army National Guard culminating with the rank of non-commissioned command sergeant major, Congressman where he served 12 years where he represented Minnesota's 1<sup>st</sup> congressional district, serving on the House Agriculture Committee, Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Armed Services Committee, where he advocated for raising the minimum wage, voting for stem cell research and allowing Medicare to negotiate pharmaceutical prices and the Affordable Care Act, achieving the rank of the 7<sup>th</sup>-most bipartisan House member, and as Governor he signed a pro-voting omnibus bill to protect voting right, secured free school meals, advocated for women's rights, defended agricultural interests, backed gun rights, tackled climate change,

sought tax cuts for the middle class and expanded paid leave for Minnesota workers; and

**WHEREAS**, after careful consideration of the record of Vice President Harris and Governor Walz, the Council desires to support the candidacy of Harris-Walz to the offices of President and Vice President of the United States respectively as their candidacy promises to be best for working families, the economy, international relations and trade, addressing the climate crisis and the environment, securing the border, job creation and building a better future for all Americans, and is thus in the best interests of the Tribe and all of Indian Country.

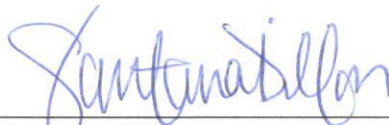
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the San Carlos Apache Tribe that the Tribe:

1. Provides its deep thanks and appreciation to President Joe Biden for his service to the United States of America and to Indian Country;
2. Supports the election of Vice President Kamala Harris to the office of President of the United States and Governor Tim Walz to the office of Vice President of the United States; and
3. Encourages all members of the Tribe, all Arizona Tribes and Indian Country, citizens of Arizona and all Americans, regardless of party affiliation, to vote for Harris-Walz in the upcoming November 3, 2024, General Election.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or their designee is authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the San Carlos Council, hereby certify that the Council is composed of eleven (11) members, of whom six (6), constituting a quorum, were at a Regular Council Meeting hereto held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, and that the foregoing Resolution No. AU-24-150 was duly adopted by a vote of FOR: 4; OPPOSED: 1; ABSTAINED: 0; of the Council pursuant to Article V, Section 1 (a) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, effective, February 24, 1954.



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**Santana Dillon**  
**Council Secretary**  
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