



# 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 2018-03

#### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING YSLETA DEL SUR PUEBLO FEDERAL LEGISLATION

**WHEREAS**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors (APCG) is comprised of the Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, Sandia, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, 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 APCG 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 APCG will promote the language, health, economic, cultural 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 the protection of our language, culture and tradition; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has a government-to-government relationship with an APCG member Pueblo, the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo ("YDSP"), as confirmed in the Restoration Act, Pub. L. No. 100-89, 101 Stat. 666 (Aug. 18, 1987) (formerly codified at 25 U.S.C. § 1300g et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, the Section 107(a) of the Restoration Act provided that "all gaming activities which are prohibited by the laws of the State of Texas are hereby prohibited on the Reservation"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act ("IGRA"), Pub. L. No. 100-497, 102 Stat. 2467, codified at 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq. was established to regulate the conduct of gaming on Indian lands; and

**WHEREAS**, federal courts have held that the Restoration Act's provisions are in conflict with IGRA, which was enacted to regulate gaming on all Indian lands; and



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Acoma

**WHEREAS**, legislation was introduced in the 115th Congress, 2d Sess. as H.R. 4985, entitled the “Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Act”; and

Cochiti

Isleta

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the legislation is “to restore an opportunity for tribal economic development that are equal and fair, and for other purposes”; and

Jemez

Laguna

**WHEREAS**, Section 301 of the legislation provides: “Nothing in this Act shall be construed to preclude or limit the applicability of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.”; and

Nambé

Ohkay Owingeh

**WHEREAS**, the legislation will provide that the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas receive the same benefits of IGRA as do hundreds of other Indian tribes.

Picuris

Pojoaque

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby supports the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo's efforts to pass this legislation that will amend the Restoration Act to confirm that the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and the Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas each enjoy the sovereign right to engage in economic development on an equal basis as other Indian tribes; and

Sandia

San Felipe

San Ildefonso

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby urges the U.S. Congress to enact H.R. 4985 and to work with the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe to allow the two Tribes to engage in economic opportunities for the betterment of their tribal members and surrounding communities; and

Santa Ana

Santa Clara

Santo Domingo

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Officers of the All Pueblo Council of Governors are expressly authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Taos

Tesuque

Ysleta Del Sur

Zia

Zuni

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned officials of the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. APCG 2018-03 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at which time a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 17 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

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By:   
APCG Chairman E. Paul Torres

ATTEST:

  
Governor Val Panteah Sr., APCG Secretary