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Acoma

## RESOLUTION

Cochiti

### ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

#### RESOLUTION NO. APCG 2016-18

Isleta

#### SUPPORT FOR A DENTAL THERAPIST PROGRAM IN NEW MEXICO

Jemez

Laguna

**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 the sovereign authority to govern their own affairs;

Nambe

Ohkay

Owingeh

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

Picuris

Pojoaque

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

Sandia

San

Felipe

**WHEREAS**, there is a present high unmet need for dental care among our Indian people due in part to the lack of skilled dental labor workforce serving our Native American patient population on our reservations and in the off-reservation urban areas.

San

Ildefonso

**WHEREAS**, our Pueblo Tribes are sovereign nations and have a right to seek healthcare resources to serve the healthcare and dental needs of our Pueblo people.

Santa Ana

Santa Clara

Santo

Domingo

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico does not have enough dentists to meet the needs of our state and communities. As a result, thousands of New Mexicans do not have access to quality, affordable dental care when they need it and where they live. This includes children, elders, people with disabilities, working families and Veterans in rural, tribal and underserved communities.

Taos

Tesuque

**WHEREAS**, a model Dental Therapist program has been in existence, and has been thoroughly evaluated for safety, quality, and appropriate scope of practice in Alaska with the Alaska Native patient population in collaboration with Indian Health Service and the Alaska Native Tribes and others;

Ysleta Del Sur

Zia

**WHEREAS**, the Dental Therapist program has received high results and accolades from patients, health care professionals and community leaders in the U.S. and in over 50 other countries;

Zuni

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico has the talents and the means to replicate and sustain this model with existing training institutions and communities that are need of this program; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a call from our elders and tribal leaders to support our families and communities with access to quality dental care and to provide jobs and economic opportunity to members of our community serving our communities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors located here in New Mexico, endorse and support this program to be fully approved under New Mexico law as early as the 2017 New Mexico legislative session..

### CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned officials of the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. APCG 2016-18 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016, and at which time a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 11 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain, and 9 absent.

### ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

By:   
Governor E. Paul Torres, APCG Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Governor J. Michael Chavarria, APCG Secretary