



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #PHX-08-020

TITLE: To Support Moratorium on Exploration and Oil and Gas Drilling in the Galisteo Basin of New Mexico

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WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council (ENIPC), of New Mexico is comprised the sovereign Pueblos of Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Santa Clara, Taos, and Tesuque; and

WHEREAS, ENIPC is established to provide community-based services in the areas of education, social services, community services, employment and training, economic development and administrative support services; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2008, New Mexico Governor Richardson issued Executive Order 2008-004, imposing a one-year moratorium on drilling in the Galisteo Basin of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblos of New Mexico are concerned that drilling would result in destruction of archaeological and historical resources, the vast majority of which are not yet documented; and

WHEREAS, drilling would also likely have detrimental impacts on wildlife, the environment and human health; and

WHEREAS, the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council Board of Governors are enjoined by support from the All Indian Pueblo Council standing in strong support Governor Richardson's actions and respectfully requests that the moratorium be made permanent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby support the request of the Eight Sovereign Pueblos and the All Indian Pueblo Council of New Mexico in their recommendation to support their request to Governor Richardson to make the moratorium permanent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI also supports the declaration of OPPOSITION to the exploration and drilling in the Galisteo Basin of New Mexico; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2008 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona on October 19-24, 2008, with a quorum present.



President

ATTEST:


Recording Secretary