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## RESOLUTION

### ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

#### RESOLUTION NO. APCG 2014-14

#### “Grand Canyon Escalade”

Acoma

Cochiti

Isleta

Jemez

Laguna

Nambe

Ohkay

Owingeh

Picuris

Pojoaque

Sandia

San

Felipe

San

Ildefonso

Santa Ana

Santa Clara

Santo

Domingo

Taos

Tesuque

Ysleta Del Sur

Zia

Zuni

**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;

**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

**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

**WHEREAS**, Pueblo people have historically come together to join forces against threats to their land, culture and traditional ways of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Canyon is a traditionally, culturally and spiritually significant to all Native American people, including the Hopi and Zuni Pueblo people; and

**WHEREAS**, an organization called the “Confluence Partners, LLC” has proposed a commercial development project called the “Grand Canyon Escalade” which will include a resort and tramway, located at the confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River deep in the Grand Canyon, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, Hopi religious leaders and the Hopi Tribal Council strongly opposed the “Grand Canyon Escalade” by passing Tribal Council Resolution H-113-2012 that states “*Ongtupqa* (the Grand Canyon) and its contributing Hopi cultural elements is a time honored, revered, respected and important place to the Hopi people”; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2014, the Zuni Pueblo enacted Resolution No. M70-2014-Q066, asserting aboriginal and ancestral ties to the Grand Canyon, their relationship with the Canyon through sacred sites, shrines, springs and pilgrimages to the canyon and strong opposition to the “Grand Canyon Escalade” that states “the proposed development will forever compromise the tranquility and sacredness of the areas in and around the Grand Canyon which includes the original place of the Zuni and resting place of ancestors,” and

**WHEREAS**, on August 18, 2014, the Chairman of the Hopi Tribe and Governors of Zuni, Acoma and Laguna Pueblos met in Zuni Pueblo to oppose the “Grand Canyon

Escalade” and to protect the confluence of the Colorado River and the Little Colorado River;  
and

**WHEREAS**, on August 20, 2014, the Zuni Pueblo and Hopi Tribe requested that the All Pueblo Council of Governors support the Hopi Tribe, Zuni, Acoma and Laguna Pueblos in their efforts to protect the Grand Canyon against any commercial development and wrongful exploitation that threatens the Traditional Cultural Properties shared by all tribes who have direct religious connections to the Grand Canyon; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby opposes any proposed development or commercial initiative called “Grand Canyon Escalade.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT**, the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby supports the Hopi Tribe, and Zuni, Acoma and Laguna Pueblos in all avenues, including legal actions and sponsorship of legislation at the state and national levels, to oppose and prevent the “Grand Canyon Escalade” and all other exploitive commercial development of the Grand Canyon.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned officials of the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. APCG 2014-14 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on the 29 day of SEP 2014, and at which time a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 16 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain, and 4 absent.

#### **ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**

By:   
Governor Edward Torres, APCG Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Governor Terry Aguilar, APCG Secretary