



All Pueblo Council of Governors

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The All Pueblo Council of Governors Stands in Solidarity with the Red Road to DC Totem Pole Journey to Protect Sacred Sites

Albuquerque, N.M. – Journeying across the United States of America in Protecting Sacred Landscapes is a Totem Pole carved by the House of Tears Carvers of the Lummi Nation, this expedition is commonly known as the Red Road to DC Totem Pole Journey.

The All Pueblo Council of Governors (APCG), representing the 20 Pueblo Nations of New Mexico and Texas, maintains its priority and commitment to protect the Greater Chaco Region, the Bears Ears National Monument, and many other ancestral Puebloan sites in the American Southwest. The APCG stand in solidarity with this incredible movement.

Statement from *Former Governor of Jemez Pueblo*, David M. Toledo -- Secretary of the All Pueblo Council of Governors

“The All Pueblo Council of Governors stands in solidarity with the Red Road to DC Totem Pole Journey to Protect Sacred Sites. Across the nation are innumerable sacred sites and cultural resources that are significant to Indigenous People’s languages, our songs, our ecosystems, our traditions, and our way of life. As the original stewards of the American continent, Indigenous Peoples persevere in their vigilant protection for our mother earth. The desecration of our landscapes and our sacred sites correlates with the detrimental effect of losing our Indigenous knowledge systems that informs the preservation of our ecosystems. We are bound to the teachings of our ancestors as we protect our environment and lands and will continue to be the leaders of protecting Mother Earth. We pray that through the spiritual passage of the Red Road to DC Totem Pole Journey to protect sacred sites the People of the United States will continue to gain inspiration from the Indigenous Peoples worldviews and lifeways in protecting Mother Earth.”

The All Pueblo Council of Governors Mission is to advocate, foster, protect and encourage the social, cultural, and traditional well-being of our Pueblo Nations. Through our inherent and sovereign rights, we will promote language, health, economic and educational advancement of all Pueblo people. For more information, please visit: <https://www.apcg.org>

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