



Diné Medicine Men's Association, Inc.

DINE' BI NAHAGHA' YEE DA' HOTA'

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RESOLUTION

THE DINE' MEDICINE MEN ASSOCIATION, INC. HEREBY PRESENTS THIS RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DINE' AND THE EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY TO DISCONTINUE THE FRACKING AND DRILLING OF THE 31 CHAPTERS. THE OIL COMPANIES THAT ARE VIOLATING THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS RIGHTS BY DEVELOPING FRACKING AND DRILLING WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION WITH THE MEMBERS IN THE ABOVE AREA. THE FRACKING AND DRILLING IMPEDES THE LIFE STYLE OF THE DINE' COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHERE ALL THE SACRED SITES ARE LOCATED.

WHEREAS:

1. The Dine' Medicine Men's Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization incorporated with Navajo Nation Commerce and has been in existence since the early 1970s. The Association consists of members from the grass-roots level of traditional spiritual leaders (hataalii, cultural educators and traditionalists, and holds a sacred trust from the Holy people as a Dine' Way of Life; and
2. On Dine' tah and the Eastern Navajo Agency of 31 Chapters There documented historic sacred sites recorded at the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Office. Diné traditional stories (Hane') are documented as being related to the Emergence, the White Shell Woman, the Water Monster and the Sacred Mountains Offering sites. To the Dine' people, The sacred sites exist to Perpetuate Life, and are revered through offering of prayers for the wellness of self, families and relatives on their land and in their communities; and
3. The Dine' Medicine Men's Association as Medicine People of the Navajo Nation do hereby take a defensive position against Fracking and Drilling and further development by the Oil Companies in and around the Dine' tah in the Eastern Navajo Agency's 31 Chapters; and
4. The Dine' community members are spiritually and emotionally threatened by the outsiders who do not understand the significance of what is sacred to the indigenous people who are called Dine' altse' kee hatiinii, first inhabitants of Dine' land before the arrival of the European colonizers. It is believed by many of our Dine' people that the Fracking and Drilling business is leading to damage and further extinction of the Dine' Way of life; and
5. Under some important expressions of international law and policy, including the United Nations Declaration Rights of the Indigenous Peoples (which the Navajo Nation helped develop and officially supported), Indigenous Peoples have the rights to: (1) protect and have

private access to their sacred places (Article 12); (2) strengthen their spiritual relationships with traditionally used lands (Article 25); and (3) determine their own development priorities and strategies through free, prior, and informed consent (Article 32); and

6. Under current laws, rules, and regulations, the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, The State of New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Oil Conservation Division, and the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Division should have individually and collectively notified the Dine' Medicine Men's Association, Inc. and the Eastern Navajo Agency of 31 Chapters of the proximity to sacred sites in Dine' tah of the Fracking and Drilling locations. As well, these governmental agencies should have performed the inspections, hearings, and investigations required of them under the laws of due process and equal protection.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Dine' Medicine Men's Association, Inc. supports the Dine' tah and Eastern Navajo Agency 31 Chapters' request to stop the Fracking and Drilling that is desecrating, defiling, and despoiling the sacred sites in and around the area of the Dine' tah and in and on the Eastern Navajo Agency Chapters.
2. The Oil Companies' business development is threatening further extinction of the Dine' Way of Life by bringing disharmony to the spirits on the sacred sites, and that development impedes the rights of the traditional members to make their ceremonial offerings at the sacred sites and where the sacred Herbs grow and are picked for healing.
3. The Medicine People as leaders, are ethically and justly obligated to protect, serve, and heal with ceremonies, and to protect their people from all harm and danger on the Dine' land (Dine' Bikeya). As such leaders, the Medicine People demand that the BIA, the BLM, the New Mexico State OCD, the New Mexico Counties and the New Mexico and Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Departments perform the duties required of them by law to assist the Eastern Navajo Agency of 31 Chapters in safeguarding our sacred sites and Dine' way of life.
4. Therefore, let it be known that we, the members of the Dine' Medicine Men's Association are taking the position that there must be an immediate and permanent moratorium issued against all further extractive activities by commercial or government energy entities in and around Dine' tah and the Eastern Navajo Agency of 31 Chapters; and we, as Medicine People take this stance to safe guard the sacred sites with our prayers for our present and future generations.

CERTIFICATE

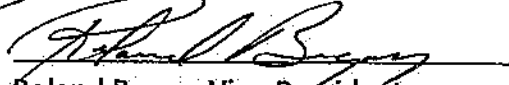
We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution of the Dine' Medicine Men's Association, Inc., was duly considered by the Association and Board of Directors at a duly called meeting at Huerfano Mesa, Dziłth-na-o-dith-hle New Mexico, at which a

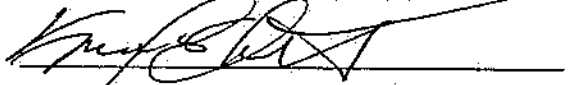
quorum was present, and that the same was approved by the vote of 26 in favor, 0 Opposed and 0 Abstained on the 11th day of October 2015..

Motioned by Bruce Chavez, BOD

Seconded by Etta Arviso, BOD


Johnson Dennison, President


Roland Begay, Vice-President


Virginia L. Edgewater, Secretary/Treasurer



Diné' Medicine Me Association, Inc.

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RESOLUTION OF DINÉ MEDICINE MEN ASSOCIATION DMMA#111917-2

REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS, AND GREATER CHACO COALITION AND PARTNERS TO CONSULT WITH DINÉ MEDICINE MEN ASSOCIATION FOR ANY POSITIONS TAKEN ON FRACKING AND HORIZONTAL DRILLING IN GREATER CHACO AS PART OF DINE FUNDAMENTAL LAW AND OUR CULTURAL AND TRADITIONAL INHERENT RIGHTS.

WHEREAS:

1. The Diné Medicine Men Association, Inc. (Diné Bi Nahagá Yee Da'ahóta') is a non-profit organization incorporated with the Navajo Nation Business Regulatory and has been in existence since the early 1970's; and
2. Diné traditional medicine people always have the commitment to teach, preserve, and protect the welfare of the Diné People as well as the welfare of the Diné Nation through providing exceptional protocol of the traditional knowledge of the distinctive oral philosophy of indigenous way of life based on the Diné Infinite Oral Sacred Philosophy of the Spiritual Belief foundation. Hence, it always has been the moral principle that guided the ceremonial sacred songs and prayers interwoven with intellectual oral planning and teaching with dignity and integrity which is still the effectual foundation of Diné Life Way since time immemorial; and
3. Diné Medicine Men Association has always strongly advocated that Diné People have sacred cultural and historical ties to the Greater Chaco just like sacred cultural and historical ties to the Dziłth-na-o-dith-hle Mesa which is near the Greater Chaco; and
4. Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye joined forces with All Pueblo Council of Governors to state their position on fracking and horizontal drilling in Greater Chaco without consulting with the Diné Medicine Men Association; and
5. Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye sent a letter dated February 06, 2017 to Bureau of Land Management – Farmington Field Office in reference to Concerns Regarding Chaco Canyon Cultural which he didn't consult with Diné Medicine Men Association before sending the letter; and
6. Diné Medicine Men Association strongly believes Navajo Nation Office of President and Vice-President should be consulting with Diné Medicine Men Association instead of outside entities and partners on the fracking and horizontal drilling in Greater Chaco; and
7. Diné Medicine Men Association is adamant that consultation be provided by Diné Medicine Men Association on the fracking and horizontal drilling in Greater Chaco due to the Diné People having sacred cultural and historical ties to the Greater Chaco.

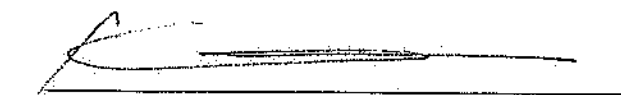
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THE DINÉ MEDICINE MEN ASSOCIATION HEREBY REQUESTS NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS, AND GREATER CHACO COALITION AND PARTNERS TO CONSULT WITH DINÉ MEDICINE MEN ASSOCIATION FOR ANY POSITIONS TAKEN ON FRACKING AND HORIZONTAL DRILLING IN GREATER CHACO

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Diné Medicine Men Association at a duly called meeting in Nageezi Chapter, at which a quorum of membership was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 29 in favor, 00 opposed, and 00 abstained this 19 day of November 2017.

Motion by: Robert Curley Seconded by: Kenneth Joe



Mr. Kenneth Maryboy, President

12-17-2017

Date