



# TORREON/STAR LAKE CHAPTER

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## RESOLUTION OF TORREON/STAR LAKE CHAPTER

Requesting the New Mexico Congressional Caucus to Intervene on behalf of their citizens regarding the actions of the Bureau of Land Management on the leasing of certain parcels of public lands for horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing by calling for a moratorium until the Resource Management Plan is revised or amended; and, To call for an Environmental Impact Study to be conducted on the route of the proposed Pinon Pipeline; and, To implore the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Region exercise due diligence trust responsibility to assure that the trust status rights of the Navajo citizens who are allottees or are heirs of allottees are protected; and, related actions

### WHEREAS;

Pursuant to Navajo Nation Code, Torreón/Starlake Chapter is certified to plan, to oversee community development, and to govern for the benefit of the community residents; and

Torreón/Star lake Chapter has the inherent right to position itself for the public interest, public safety and the general welfare of their community and its residents; and,

Torreón/Star lake Chapter has steadfastly communicated, coordinated and cooperatively planned the regional development of the five most Eastern Chapters of the Navajo Nation; and,

Torreón/Star lake Chapter reads that the 2003 Resource Management Plan for the Farmington BLM District does not sufficiently address the technological development of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracking; and,

Torreón/Star lake Chapter is keenly aware of the Bureau of Land Management's actions to lease the public lands for oil/gas exploration in a manner that precludes its multiple use to a singular use for energy development; and,

The Torreón/Star lake Chapter and its residents have personal knowledge of the adverse impacts their relatives are experiencing with the declining air quality through the venting and flaring, the increased vehicular traffic, and the familial discord resulting from the bonus payments for the leasing of the allotments; and

The Torreón/Star lake Chapter is expressly concerned that the wells supplying the Ojo Encino-Torreón-Rincon Marquis community water system will be adversely impacted by the horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracking explorations near the Ojo Encino aquifer; Moreover, Torreón/Star lake Chapter knows that the Water system supplying Pueblo Pintado and Whitehorse Lake communities has wells using the Ojo Encino aquifer as a source; and,

As well, Torreón/Star lake Chapter has knowledge that the Pinon Pipeline proposed by Saddle Butte Midstream, LLC is proceeding post haste absent a proper Environmental Impact Statement; and,

The Torreón/Star lake Chapter has community voters who have allotments, are heirs and have an interest in the Mancos-Gallup shale formation area wherein Land Agents contracted by the many layered interests of the energy exploration corporations are leading the allottees to sign the leases without proper legal advisement; and, the Bureau of Indian Affairs have not held PUBLIC HEARINGS to ensure that the trust status of the allottees are protected; and

Torreón/Star lake Chapter supports the rights identified in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2007 and was supported by President Obama in December 2010 by issuing that the Declaration has both moral and political force must guide the policies and practices of all the agencies for the Federal government to assure the needs, interests and points regarding land use priorities, protection of culturally grounded ways of life and safe guarding the environment which are imbued in Articles 26, 27, 29 and 32 of the UN Declaration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Torreón/Star lake Chapter requests the New Mexico Senators Tom Udall, Heinrich and Congressman Lujan to:

1. Intervene on behalf of their citizens regarding the actions of the Bureau of Land Management on the leasing of certain parcels of public lands for horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing by calling for a moratorium until the Resource Management Plan is revised or amended; and,
2. To call for an Environmental Impact Study to be conducted on the route of the proposed Pinon Pipeline; and,
3. To implore the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Region exercise due diligence trust responsibility to assure that the trust status rights of the Navajo citizens who are allottees or are heirs of allottees are protected; and,


Torreón/Star Lake Chapter requests assistance to secure funding to conduct health impact assessments, baseline water and soil testing and air quality monitoring for the impacted areas.

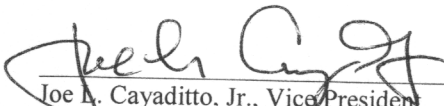
#### CERTIFICATION

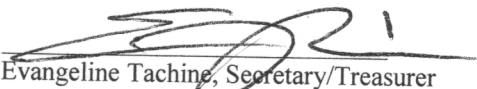
WE HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Torreón/Star lake Chapter at a duly called meeting at Torreón/Star lake Chapter, Navajo Nation, (New Mexico) at which a quorum was present and that same was passed with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2015.

Motion: Rudy Toledo

Second: Helen Domingo

  
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