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RESOLUTION OF TORREON/STAR LAKE CHAPTER

TSL 04/2016-027

OPPOSING THE MASTER LEASING PLAN AS PROPOSED BY CERTAIN GROUPS; TO IMPLORE THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM), THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA), TO PRIORITIZE THE NAVAJO COMMUNITY CONCERNS ON HEALTH IMPACTS, AIR QUALITY FACTORS, SAFETY CONCERNS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE SCHOOL BUS ROUTES, AS AN INTEGRAL FACET OF THE PROPOSED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN- AMENDMENT (RMP-A) AND RELATED ACTIONS.

WHEREAS:

1. Torreon/Star Lake Chapter is a certified unit of Navajo Nation Government having the authority to enact certain provisions regarding the quality of life factors of its community residents, and;
2. The Torreon/Star Lake Chapter has many community residents as their voting constituents who have inheritance rights in BLM Farmington District Field Office Resource Management area, and;
3. The Torreon/ Star Lake Chapter's area has more than 85,000 acres within its Chapter area of which the western chapter area is part of the BLM Farmington Field Office, and;
4. South West Archeologists and Nature Trust, among other groups, are purporting to pursue a Master Leasing Plan as has been used in other Field Offices in other States, and;
5. The Master Leasing Plan maps for the BLM Field Office resource management area shared by BLM does not, in proper detail, show the community area and residences,
6. The organizations pushing the Master Leasing Plan have not approached the affected community Chapters, much less the allotment land owners with respect to the written aspects of their proposed Master Leasing Plan, and;
7. The Master Leasing Plan proponents, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have not adhered to the Tribal Consultation process prior to making public the MLP concept and to which are included in written documents circulated at certain BLM meetings, and;
8. The Bureau of Land Management, at its December 05, 2015 meeting, distributed a fact sheet which named the Master Leasing plan as the only alternative;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

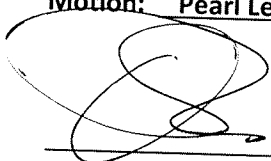
The Torreon Star Lake Chapter hereby opposes the inclusion of the Master Leasing Plan and its maps for which the affected Chapters have not been informed, consulted and have not consented to, and;

The Torreon-Star Lake Chapter hereby implores the Bureau of Land Management to Prioritize the Community concerns regarding the deteriorating air quality, the health impacts and safety factors, including but not limited to the School bus routes, as an integral part of the 2015 Resource Management Plan- Amendment.

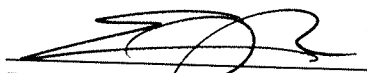
CERTIFICATION

WE HEREBY CERTIFY the forgoing resolution was duly considered by the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter at a duly called meeting at Torreon/Star Lake Chapter, Navajo Nation, (New Mexico) at which a quorum was present and that same was passed with a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained this 4th day of April 2016.

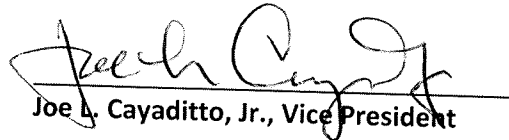
Motion: Pearl Lewis



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Second: Annie Bahe


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RESOLUTION OF TORREON/STAR LAKE CHAPTER

TSL 04/2016-026

SUPPORTING THE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL ON AMENDING THE METHANE RULES REGARDING THE NEW AND EXISTING OIL/GAS FACILITIES SITUATED THROUGHOUT THE CHAPTER AREAS OF TORREON, OJO ENCINO AND COUNSELORS; AND, REQUESTING THE NM CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO EXERCISE CAUTION AND PRUDENCE IN THE FACE OF THE POSITIONS OF THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES; AND, RELATED ACTIONS.

WHEREAS;

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

Torreon/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,

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

Torreon/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,

Torreon/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 Torreon/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 Torreon/Star Lake Chapter is expressly concerned that the wells supplying the Ojo Encino-Torreon-Rincon Marquis community water system will be adversely impacted by the horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracking explorations near the Ojo Encino aquifer; Moreover, Torreon/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,

Torreon/Star Lake Chapter is keenly aware of the meetings of the Environmental Protection Agency where there are proposed Rules applying to new oil and gas facilities to reduce the methane emissions; and,

The Torreon/Star Lake Chapter has informed knowledge that the Bureau of Land Management has proposed rules to effect the existing oil and gas facilities wherein the reduction of Methane emissions will be reduced; and

Torreon /Star Lake Chapter is aware that the Municipal governing council are pressuring the NM Congressional Delegation to push back on the proposed rules; and, These councils are taking the oil and gas industry's' word at face value and do not have a keen awareness on the facilities in the remote and less populated areas of the Counties; and,

Torreon/Star Lake Chapter has heard in meetings that the Bureau of Land Management and the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division do not have sufficient personnel to conduct oil and gas site inspections—They are understaffed; and,

Torreon/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:

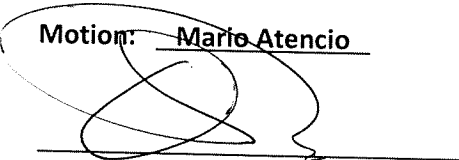
Torreon/Star Lake Chapter hereby supports the adoption of the Methane rules as they apply to the new and existing facilities of the oil and gas facilities as proposed by the Bureau of Land Management and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Torreon/Star Lake Chapter hereby requests the New Mexico Congressional Delegation to exercise Caution and Prudence in adopting as proposed by the City municipalities.

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Motion: Mario Atencio

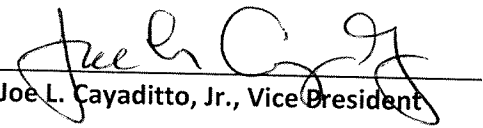


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Second: Marcus Ridge



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