

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was duly adopted by the All Indian Pueblo Council at a regularly called meeting held on the 23d day of March, 1968.

Whereas the Congress of the United States is presently considering S. 1843 and companion measures including H.R. 15419, seeking "to establish rights for individuals in their relations with Indian tribes and for other purposes"; and

Whereas Title I and Title II of S. 1843 in the opinion of this Council constitutes an attack upon our inherent authority to administer justice within our pueblos and among our members in our traditional way; and

Whereas we believe that the intent of the Legislation is such as to insure to Indian people certain basic guarantees of freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom from governmental oppression, but that the Pueblos have a long historical background of being among the first to be concerned with such freedoms and virtually without exception have administered their government within the Pueblos for many centuries without encroaching upon the individual freedoms of its membership, so long as any such member shall recognize and respect the similar freedoms of the remainder of the membership; and

Whereas we believe that the procedures required by Title I and Title II of S. 1843 prevent us from continuing to practice our traditional system of government and further would destroy our heritage and our ability to preserve our system: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the All Indian Pueblo Council of the nineteen Pueblos of New Mexico hereby expresses its objection to Title I and Title II of S. 1843, insofar as the same apply to the Pueblos of New Mexico, and further, that it hereby respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States to specifically exclude the Pueblos from the effects of Title I and Title II of S. 1843 and related bills; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Senator Anderson, Senator Montoya, Congressman Walker, Congressman Haley, Congressman Celler, and to such others as to the Chairman may appear appropriate.

DOMINGO MONTOKA,
Chairman.

Attest:

VICTOR A. SARRACINO,
Secretary.

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The following Resolution was duly adopted by the All Indian Pueblo Council at a regularly called meeting held on the 23d day of March, 1968.

Whereas the President of the United States by Executive Order 11399 established the National Council on Indian Opportunity under the chairmanship of the Vice President of the United States; and

Whereas the All Indian Pueblo Council foresees this as a giant stride in developing at long last a realistic policy in relation to Indian matters; and

Whereas the All Indian Pueblo Council wishes to express its gratitude to the President for taking this highly commendable and desirable measure; and

Whereas the Executive Order further provides for the appointment of six Indian leaders to participate and serve as members of the National Council; and

Whereas the nineteen Pueblos of New Mexico have a membership approximating thirty-thousand Indian citizens have a historical background such as greatly distinguishes them from other Indian tribes within the United States, and have preserved since time immemorial a government unique in form and in substance and which has been in recent years recognized as one of great learning and significance: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the All Indian Pueblo Council of the nineteen Pueblos of New Mexico, That it hereby expresses its gratitude to the President of the United States Lyndon B. Johnson, for establishing the National Council on Indian Opportunity, and expresses its great hope that this Council will erve to meet the objectives as enunciated by the President in his special message to the Congress on Indian matters; and be it further

Resolved, That the All Indian Pueblo Council respectfully petitions the President to appoint as an Indian member of said Council a representative from and among the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico; and be it further,