ALL INDIAN PUEBLO COUNCIL
Office of the Chairman

Chairman Chandler Sanchez    Vice Chairman Charlie Dorame    Secretary/Treasurer Leroy Arquero

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RESOLUTION 2011- 04

Support of All New Mexico Native American Veterans

WHEREAS, the All Indian Pueblo Council ("AIPC") is comprised of the Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Laguna, Jemez, Santa Ana, Sandia, San Felipe, Santo Domingo, Zia, Zuni, Nambe, Picuris, Pojoaque, Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, Ohkay Owingeh, Tesuque, Taos and 1 Sovereign Pueblo, Ysleta Del Sur, located in the State of Texas and each possessing inherent government authority and sovereignty over their lands, and

WHEREAS, each of AIPC’s member tribes enjoy a trust relationship with the United States of America and are entities under the Laws and Constitution of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the All Indian Pueblo Council has an established a Veteran’s Committee per resolution # 2009 for the purpose of addressing the concerns, needs and the overall welfare of Pueblo Veterans; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 14,628 Native American Veterans in the State of New Mexico that are representative of all branches of the military i.e. Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Army, and Coast Guard and Native American Veterans were not officially recognized and not allowed to vote until after World War II, and

WHEREAS, Native American Veterans have served in all engagements that the United States has been involved in to include World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf Wars, in peace time and hardship tours, and

WHEREAS, the AIPC Veterans Committee recognizes that access to Veteran’s benefits; i.e. health care services, National Cemetery services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, continues to be a struggle and challenge, and

WHEREAS, on October 2010 the Indian Health Service and Department of Veteran’s Affairs have signed a comprehensive and far reaching Memorandum of Understanding aimed at improving the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/NA) Veterans, and

WHEREAS, this MOU defines five (5) mutual goals to begin the collaboration, communication, and coordination process to address access to health care which AIPC through its Veteran’s Committee deems it a priority and has the desire to take an proactive role to assist the Indian Health Service and Department of Veteran Affairs in the implementation of the MOU, and
WHEREAS, the AIPC Veteran’s Committee developed a Position Statement for Chairman Chandler Sanchez to present to Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director of Indian Health Services, and was presented March 30, 2011 during the 2011 Indian Health Service Albuquerque Area Tribal Consultation requesting to have a consultation specifically for the Pueblo Veterans and to establish a Tribal Work Group that will develop the strategies for implementing the MOU, and

WHEREAS, the AIPC Veterans Committee requests approval for the establishment of a Tribal Work Group to ensure that the strategies are reflective of the needs of the Pueblo Veteran, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the All Indian Pueblo Council Governors firmly commit their support to the Chairman and Veteran’s Committee to begin the process of communicating with the Indian Health Service and Department of Veteran’s Affairs to initiate the consultation and begin the dialogue for implementing the MOU, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governor of the State of New Mexico under Tribal State Collaboration Act of 2009 carries out the mandate of this act to address Native American Veteran’s needs and ensure the consultation and collaboration process occurs with the tribes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; President Barrack Obama through Executive Order 13563 mandates Congress and his Cabinet Secretaries to collaborate and consult with tribes involving issues and concerns affecting Native American Veterans across the United States, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the officers of AIPC are expressly authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Chairman Sanchez of the All Indian Pueblo Council, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution 2011-02 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on the 13th day of April 2011, and at which time a quorum as present and the same as approved by a vote of ___ in favor, ___ opposed, ___ abstained and ___ absent.

ALL INDIAN PUEBLO COUNCIL

Chandler Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer, Leroy Arquero