



THE JICARILLA APACHE NATION

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RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GOVERNMENT

RE: Approval to Endorse Teresa Leger Fernandez

Resolution No. 2019-R-134-06

WHEREAS, the Jicarilla Apache Nation is a federally-recognized sovereign tribal government with inherent self-governing powers and authority and organized under a constitution; and

WHEREAS, Tereasa Leger Fernandez is a candidate for the Third Congressional District of New Mexico and has asked the Legislative Council for our endorsement for this open seat; and

WHEREAS, Teresa represented the Jicarilla Apache Nation in both the 2011 and 2000 redistricting lawsuits and achieved a complete and total victory for the Nation and other Native American Tribes' voting rights act claims; and

WHEREAS, Teresa assisted the Nation in securing a triple A bond rating which allowed the Nation to issue bonds to construct our health clinic, administration building, grocery store, and other key infrastructure projects, and this triple A bond rating was only the second time a tribe had ever been rated so high; and

WHEREAS, Teresa helped the Nation construct the Health Clinic and negotiated the first Joint Venture Agreement ("JVA") with the Indian Health Service (I.H.S.) which required that the IHS increase the staffing and funding for health services for our Nation's members; and

WHEREAS, Teresa, together with Wayne Bladh, helped draft and secure the first Tribal State Tax Sharing Agreement with the New Mexico State Legislature on behalf of the Nation regarding severance taxes, which was signed into law. She thereafter worked on the tribal state gross receipts tax, gasoline tax, and cigarette tax legislative agreements with the State of New Mexico which has led to a spirit of cooperation and collaboration with the State of New Mexico which is recognized as one of the best State-Tribal relations in the country; and

WHEREAS, Teresa assisted the Nation develop its environmental office which was also one of the first tribal environmental offices in the country; and



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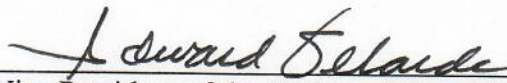
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WHEREAS, Teresa assisted in financing and other business development projects which have greatly benefited the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Teresa understands the importance of tribal sovereignty and also understands how to communicate well across the political spectrum and across different cultural communities; and

WHEREAS, no other candidate for this important congressional seat has the long history of working with Tribal Nations on the many issues that we must address with the federal government, or the many years of work and success in fostering communication and collaboration with the State government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Legislative Council of the Jicarilla Apache Nation hereby endorses Teresa Leger Fernandez for the Third Congressional District of New Mexico and further agrees to financially support her campaign.



Vice President of the Nation – Edward Velarde

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was enacted by the Legislative Council of the Jicarilla Apache Nation on the 4th day of June, 2019, by a vote of 8 for, 0 against, and 0 abstained, at a duly called meeting at which a quorum of the Legislative Council were present.

ATTEST:



Secretary of the Nation – Merldine Oka