



## STATEMENT OF POLICY AND PROCESS

**WHEREAS** the All Indian Pueblo Council consists of the Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Picuris, Pojoaque, Sandia, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, San Juan, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Zia and Zuni (collectively "the Pueblos");

**WHEREAS** the Governor of the State of New Mexico ("Governor") recognizes and respects the sovereignty of each Pueblo and their respective tribal governments;

**WHEREAS** the Pueblos recognize and respect the sovereignty of the State of New Mexico ("State");

**WHEREAS** the Governor and the Pueblos want to encourage and promote government-to-government relationships between the individual Pueblos and the State based on mutual respect and open communications;

**WHEREAS** the State and Pueblos recognize the importance of full and open communication and cooperation on issues of shared interest or concern, such as taxation, water rights, education, health care, economic development, law enforcement, and the provision of State services to tribal members, so as to avoid misunderstandings, disagreements and disputes and to facilitate coordinated and cooperative policy formulation and implementation;

**WHEREAS** the Governor desires to have an open-door policy for Pueblos to voice concerns and discuss issues and to have the Pueblos' views seriously considered with respect to the formulation and execution of State policy;

**WHEREAS** while the Pueblos are sovereign governments, the members of each Pueblo are also citizens of the State;

**WHEREAS** coordination and cooperation between the Pueblos and the Governor are in the best interests of the State, the Pueblos, and all the citizens of the State, and will promote the equitable and efficient allocation of governmental authority, services, and resources among all citizens of New Mexico;

**WHEREAS** the Governor and Pueblos agree to establish procedures setting forth the framework to coordinate a cooperative and joint effort to address issues identified by the Governor and Pueblos, to seek mutually beneficial solutions and outcomes, and to avoid litigation;

**NOW THEREFORE THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY COMMIT TO THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THEM TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE:**

1. The Governor and the Pueblos will establish and promote a relationship of cooperation, coordination, open communication, and good will, and will work in good faith to amicably and fairly resolve issues and differences.

2. The Governor and the Pueblos' interactions shall be based on a government-to-government relationship. The Governor and Pueblo governing bodies shall direct and cause all cabinet secretaries, departments, agencies, units, and subdivisions of their respective governments under their supervision and control to respect the principle of government-to-government relations in all interactions between State and Pueblo governments.

3. In order to establish a process for meaningful consultation on issues identified by the Governor or a Pueblo(s), issues of interest or concern identified by any of the governments that are parties to this Statement of Policy shall be addressed through the following framework:

A. The Governor or affected Pueblo(s) will notify the other party in writing that it has identified an issue or concern and desires consultation or negotiations on the same;

B. The Governor and the affected Pueblo(s) will designate an appropriate person(s) to represent them in the conduct of such consultation or negotiation;

C. The representatives so designated will meet as soon as reasonably practicable to discuss the issue and exchange any relevant information or documentation.

D. Each representative shall timely inform the leadership of their respective party of the status or outcome of the consultation or negotiations and the leadership shall timely give direction as needed to address or resolve the issue.

E. If either party believes that further discussions or negotiations will be unproductive, they will promptly notify the other party.

4. The Governor and affected Pueblo(s) shall use their best efforts to facilitate an amicable resolution of any disputes prior to the filing of any litigation against the other;

5. The Governor and affected Pueblo(s) shall consult with each other prior to submitting or causing to be introduced legislation affecting or impacting the other.

6. The Governor and affected Pueblo(s) shall consult with each other prior to taking any executive or administrative action affecting or impacting the other.

7. The Governor and affected Pueblo(s) shall use their best efforts to ensure that the State and each Pueblo, or any cabinet secretaries, departments, agencies, units, and subdivisions

of their respective governments under their supervision and control, do not set forth or cause to be set forth internal or external communications inconsistent with this Statement of Policy.

8. The Governor and each Pueblo shall do all things necessary and proper to inform, direct, and cause their respective departments to implement the provisions and intent of this Statement of Policy. All consultations pursuant to this Statement of Policy shall be open and candid amongst the parties to this Policy so that all parties may evaluate for themselves and offer their views concerning the potential impacts and effects of the relevant proposals and pending actions.

9. The Governor and the Pueblos will meet together on a regular basis in order to insure that the terms, purpose, and intent of this Statement of Policy are carried out.

10. The Governor and the Pueblos will communicate the content of this Statement of Policy to each agency, department, division, or other official representative under the supervision of the Governor and respective Pueblo, and direct and cause them to observe and comply with this Statement of Policy and Process.


Dated this 17th day of January 2003.




Bill Richardson, Governor  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO



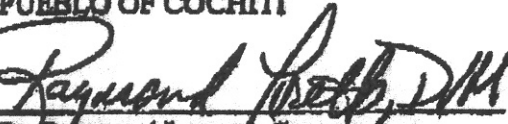
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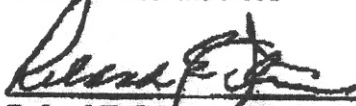
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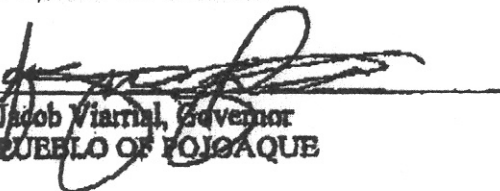
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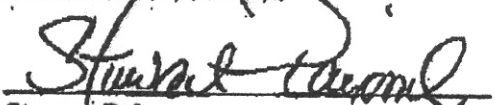
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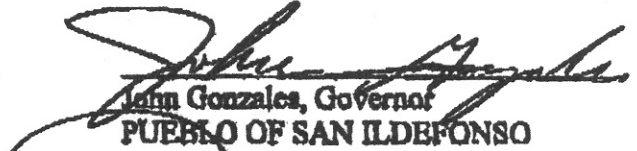
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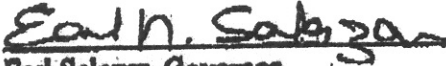
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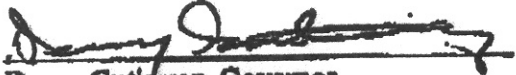
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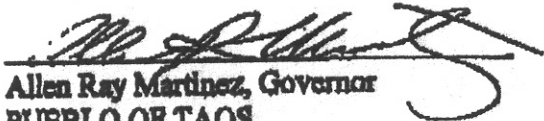
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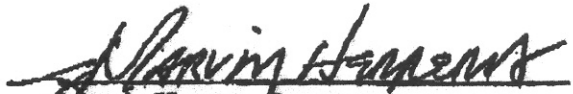
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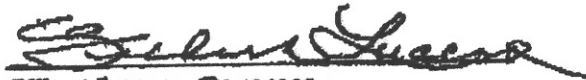
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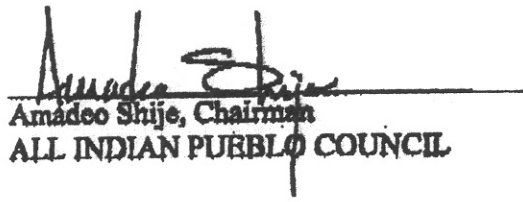
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ALL INDIAN PUEBLO COUNCIL