



Pueblo de San Ildefonso *Office of the Governor*

MESSAGE TO SAN ILDEFONSO COMMUNITY MEMBERS REGARDING RECENT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

Many of you have seen or heard about the drastic actions that the Trump Administration has taken since coming into office in January 2025. These actions are wide-ranging and involve all aspects of the federal government from cuts to federal funding, agency reorganization, federal employee workforce reduction, changes to federal regulations and oversight, and so on. We recognize that many of the Executive Orders and Directives coming from the Office of the President and federal agencies and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) are confusing and have been conflicting at times, and some have been reversed and many are being challenged in court. All of this can cause anxiety and concern. However, I want to stress that this is not the time for us to panic or overreact. Please be assured that I and my administration, along with the Council, are monitoring these federal government actions and any impacts that they may have on San Ildefonso Pueblo or its members.

At this moment, the Pueblo has not been directly impacted because the federal funding it receives for its tribal government programs and services is still intact. We continue to support and effectively operate these programs on a day-to-day basis. We will monitor and assess any potential impacts that federal actions may have on these programs and funding and we will inform you of any changes.

We are also taking proactive steps to make our voices and concerns heard. Many of these federal actions directly affect the trust responsibility that the federal government owes to tribes and their citizens. These are things such as health care, education, law enforcement, and federal funding for tribal programs and direct services provided by federal employees. I and my fellow tribal leaders do not take the actions of the Trump Administration lightly and are working together to address these impacts in our tribal communities and in Indian Country nationwide. As Chair for Eight Northern Indian Pueblos, Inc. (ENIPC), I worked with the Southern Pueblos Council (SPC) to call a special meeting to develop our respective tribal positions and send letters to President Trump and Department of the Interior Secretary Doug Burgum expressing our concern in the reduction of the federal workforce within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). We also directed the All Pueblo Council of Governors (APCG) to support the ENIPC and SPC positions and request a meeting with Secretary Burgum. We have also been in contact with our federal congressional delegation and their staff to keep them informed of our concerns and to work collaboratively on these issues. I and other Pueblo leadership have requested meetings with President Trump, House Speaker Mike Johnson, and other congressional representatives to encourage full federal funding and provision of necessary services to our tribes and tribal members. I have also reached out to New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham about these same concerns and to request State support and assistance when necessary. I will work with our Tribal

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Council, State and Federal representatives and officials and other tribal leaders and organizations as needed, to protect our interests throughout the duration of these federal actions.

While we talk about the impacts to San Ildefonso Pueblo, some of you or your family members may be directly affected by these federal Executive Orders or reductions in federal employment or other actions of a federal agency. We stand ready to assist you in whatever way we can. I also ask that you contact my office and our congressional representatives' office so that we are aware of this direct impact and your situation so that it can be documented. We also encourage you to contact the congressional representatives' office to share your questions or concerns as a way to inform and educate them about the impacts upon tribal members and Indian County.

Lastly, you may have heard of incidents where Immigration and Customs Services (ICE) agents have interacted with Native American individuals. While these may be very isolated incidents, we recommend that tribal members carry updated tribal membership identification cards just to be on the safe side. Tribal membership cards may be obtained or updated at the Tribal Administration Office during regular business hours.

We all need to stay vigilant and work together to get through these trying times. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff with any questions or concerns you may have. The contact information for our congressional delegation is listed below:

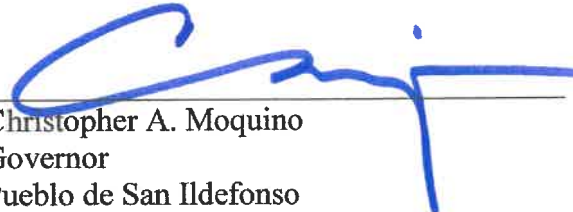
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