

A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE DOS REPUBLICAS COAL MINING EXPANSION

- WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and
- WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution establishes the Comanche Business Committee as the duly elected official body designated to conduct business for and on behalf of the Comanche Nation; and
- WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation has a moral obligation to preserve its rich cultural history for generations to come; and
- WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation historically resided in southern Texas and surrounding areas and still has strong culturally ties to the area; and has at least one sacred site in the mine area; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Mexican- owned company *Dos Republicas* is proposing a new coal mining venture that will encompass 25,000 acres; and
- WHEREAS, there is an eminent threat to the citizens of Eagle Pass, Texas for pollution of land and water;
- WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineering (USACE) did not complete the formal permitting process and failed to notify the Comanche Nation of the possible destruction of historical sites;
- **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Comanche Nation strongly opposes the *Dos Republicas* coal mining expansion.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 27th day of August 2015, at the Comanche Tribal Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of <u>7</u> for, <u>O</u> against, and <u>O</u> abstaining, a quorum being present.

Wallace Coffey, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jerry Tahsequah, Secretary-Treasurer