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PUEBLO OF ISLETA

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-035**

## RESOLUTION APPROVING GIFT CARDS FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS IN HEAD START THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

At a duly called meeting of the Tribal Council of the Pueblo of Isleta, held on August 19, 2025 2025 the following Resolution was passed:

**WHEREAS**, the Pueblo of Isleta (the "Pueblo") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a written Constitution and inherent powers of self-government;

WHEREAS, the Pueblo is governed by a Governor and Tribal Council made up of elected representatives who act in accordance with the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Constitution ("Constitution");

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2(e), of the Constitution for the Pueblo of Isleta authorizes the Tribal Council to "enact ordinances to, to protect the peace, safety, property, health, and general welfare of the members of the Pueblo of Isleta;"

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2(1), of the Constitution requires the Tribal Council to "manage and control the lands and resources of the Pueblo for the best interest of the Pueblo;"

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2025 the Tribal Council motioned and approved a \$700 gift card from Kohl's for each Tribal Member attending Head Start through high school for the 2025-2026 school year for students attending school in the State of New Mexico;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Pueblo to approve the distribution of \$700 gift cards to assist with the purchase of school supplies and clothing;

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this Resolution the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Pueblo to include in the definition of "Head Start" those children at least three years old, or children that turn three years old by the date used to determine eligibility for public school in the community;

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this Resolution the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Pueblo to include in the definition of "high school" those individuals that opt to pursue a General Education Development test ("GED") in lieu of a traditional high school education; and

**WHEREAS**, for the purposes of this Resolution the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Pueblo to include in the definition of "school" those both Head Start and GED programs.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Council hereby formally approves the distribution of \$700 gift cards from Kohl's for Head Start through high school students for the 2025-2026 school year for students attending school in the State of New Mexico;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Resolution formally ratifies the motion made on July 24, 2025 that approved a \$700 gift card from Kohl's for each Head Start through high school student for the 2025-2026 school year for students attending school in the State of New Mexico;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** only students enrolled in Head Start through high school that are attending school in the State of New Mexico as of July 24, 2025 shall be eligible to receive a \$700 gift card;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** Tribal Council shall designate Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025 from 8:00am to 7:00pm for distribution of \$700 gift cards in-person on the weekend and shall designate additional dates for pickup during business hours during the work week;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** for each student, custodial parents and/or guardians shall be required to demonstrate: (1) proof of tribal enrollment, i.e. Certificate of Indian Blood ("CIB") as of July 24, 2025, (2) proof of registration in a school in New Mexico as of July 24, 2025 in order to receive the \$700 gift card on behalf of students, and (3) proof of custody or guardianship, as applicable;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Pueblo shall not issue a gift card to a student's parent if the parent is not a custodial parent or legal guardian;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** parents and/or guardians shall be required to fill out a W-9 for each student in order to receive the \$700 gift card on behalf of students;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** Tribal Council shall provide a stipend in the amount of \$120.00 for 6 hours and \$240.00 for 12 hours for Pueblo of Isleta employees that assist with the initial one-day date of distribution on the weekend;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Governor, Treasurer's Office, Department of Education, Isleta Head Start, Truancy, and Census Department are authorized and directed to do all that is necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Tribal Council and shall remain in effect until otherwise superseded or repealed by Tribal law.

## **CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed at a duly called Meeting of the Isleta Tribal Council of the Pueblo of Isleta, held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025, at which a quorum was present, with 6 voting for, 0 opposing, and 0 abstaining.

Joseph R. Lucero, Sr., Tribal Council President

Eugene Jiron, Governor:

ATTEST:

Anthony Jiron, Tribal Council Secretary