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TO'HAJIILEE PEACEMAKERS TO MEET FRIDAY

TO'HAJIILEE, N.M. - The To'Hajiilee District Court invites all peacemakers from the To'Hajiilee-Alamo Judicial District to the quarterly peacemaker meeting on Friday, February 4, 2011 at 10 a.m., to meet with District Court Judge William J.J. Platero at the To'Hajiilee Courthouse, 7 miles North of Exit 131, Interstate 40.

The purpose of the quarterly meeting is to formally recognize the Peacemakers in the community with an oath of office swearing-in ceremony and to begin the process of identifying strategies to coordinate and collaborate on issues of mutual concern for the two communities in Fiscal Year 2011. There are approximately 17 peacemakers in the judicial district that encompasses To'Hajiilee and Alamo Chapters.

Navajo peacemaking has been called a "horizontal system of justice" and is one of the most renowned restorative justice programs in the world. The purpose of peacemaking is "to promote a non-adversarial forum for solving disputes where the parties to the dispute voluntarily agree or are referred to peacemaking," (Navajo Nation Council Resolution CO-76-01).

Peacemakers are known within their communities for fairness, wisdom, respect and planning ability. They are nominated and certified for initial appointment by their respective chapters, according to the Peacemaking Guidelines.

For more information on the meeting, please call (505) 908-2817.

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