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Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission to hold Public Hearing in Torreon, N.M. and Albuquerque, N.M.

St. Michaels, Navajo Nation (Ariz.) – Have you ever felt discriminated against? Community members are invited to comment on the subject of race relations as it exists in and around the Navajo Nation during a public hearing hosted by the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission (NNHRC) in Torreon, N.M. and Albuquerque, N.M. on May 29th - 30th.

The Commission is seeking testimony from community members about race relations and its impact on the community with recommendations for addressing these issues. Individuals will be given an opportunity to submit written evidence and/or provide an oral testimony in a supportive environment. Areas of discussion may include but are not limited to racial discrimination as it pertains to employment, housing, the justice system, resources and services.

The NNHRC has authority to hold public hearings pursuant to 2 N.N.C § 922 (C) and (D). The Commission will compile and analyze data taken from the public hearings and issue reports which will be made available to the public to promote a positive relationship between governments and peoples.

The purpose of the Commission is to address discriminatory actions against citizens of the Navajo Nation through public hearings, to assist in investigations and is to be the primary advocate for the recognition of Navajo human rights at the local, state, national and international levels.

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The following is a schedule of the NNHRC's upcoming public hearings:

Torreon Chapter House Torreon, Navajo Nation, (N.M.)	Friday, May 29 th 1 p.m. - 5 p.m
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Albuquerque Indian Center 105 Texas Street S.E. Albuquerque, N. M.	Saturday, May 30 th 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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