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### **Navajo Nation Proclamation Opposing Arizona Prop 107**

*Branch Leaders of the Navajo Nation Support Human Rights, not Prop 107*

ST. MICHAELS, Ariz.—Navajo Nation leaders of the executive, legislative and judicial branches support Navajo human rights in a proclamation against Arizona Proposition 107.

Navajo human rights officials want to protect Navajo human rights and initiated a proclamation among the Navajo Nation branch leaders, opposing the passage of Arizona Proposition 107.

The executive director of the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission, Leonard Gorman, drafted the proclamation on October 12, 2010 and it was signed by the three leaders of the Navajo Nation on October 19, 2010. The proclamation returned to the office of NNHRC on October 24, 2010.

The Navajo Nation Election Office collaborated in the initiative.

“We further hereby encourage the Navajo voters in Arizona to cast their vote against Proposition 107, on November 2, 2010,” as stated in the proclamation.

It states, “Whereas, the Diné are a unique and distinct people among the world’s peoples placed in the midst of the four sacred mountains by the Holy People, and identified by our sacred name, our clans, our language, our life way, our shadow, our footprints and therefore called the Holy Earth-Surface-People; and.”

Then, states that “Prop 107 has foreseeable consequences for the Navajo Nation and Navajo people.” It continues and states, “The Proposition is a measure to not only ignore but gain support from the Navajo people and other indigenous peoples in Arizona to reverse well-established and recognized civil, political and human rights between indigenous nations and peoples and the United States; and.”

The proclamation continues that “the Navajo people have exercised self-determination since time immemorial.”

Then, finally, it states:

“The Navajo Nation government has made political and statutory decisions to enact law that provides preference in employment and business to the Navajo people. When Arizona State public schools provide educational facilities on the Navajo Nation, these public school districts agreed to assure that they implement Navajo Nation law by giving preferential treatment to Navajo individuals seeking employment and contracts in the school systems when expending state funds.”

The finding is from a report produced by NNHRC, “Report on the Impact of Proposition 107 on the Navajo Nation: Diné Have the Right to be Distinct Without Conditions.” It was finalized on October 18, 2010, “

NNHRC was directed the Navajo Nation Intergovernmental Relations Committee in a Resolution IGRAU-134-10, to conduct public hearings and gather information on the relative to the affects and impacts on Prop 107. NNHRC produced the report with a legal analysis, findings, recommendations and a conclusion.

NNHRC recommends a vote “No” on Prop 107 because there is no language that excludes indigenous nations from any and all repercussion so Prop 107, which may infringe or supplant Navajo Nation laws, and to read the report for further education about the potential effects that could result should Prop 107 pass, according to the report.

NNHRC report, two Navajo Nation agency council resolutions, NNHRC resolution, the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors resolution, the Native American Bar Association of Arizona, Civil and human rights organizations state their opposition on the passage of Prop 107.

The proclamation is the official statement from the Navajo Nation opposing Arizona Prop 107.

To view the proclamation and report, visit [www.nnhrc.navajo.org](http://www.nnhrc.navajo.org), and click on the “news” section of the website.

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