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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS **Seeking Testimonies on the 2010 Arizona Proposition 107**

ST. MICHAELS, Ariz.—The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission will hold two public hearings to give Navajo citizens an opportunity to provide oral testimony about the 2010 Arizona Proposition 107, a proposition which may jeopardize the support of state funded operations on the Navajo Nation.

Arizona Prop 107 will be on the Arizona ballot on November 2nd. The measure is also referred to as the “2010 Arizona Referendum 107 and Arizona HCR 2019.”

The open forums will start at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

- Monday, September 27, 2010 at the Chinle Community Center, off Arizona Highway 191 next to The Wildcat “Den,” in Chinle, Navajo Nation (Ariz.), and
- Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at the Hogan Restaurant in the Cedar Ridge Conference Room. Hogan Restaurant is next to the Quality Inn in Tuba City, Navajo Nation (Ariz.).

According to the 2010 Arizona House Concurrent Resolution 2019, Arizona Prop 107 states, “This state [of Arizona] shall not discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education or public contracting.”

In a resolution adopted by the 21st Navajo Nation Council (IGRAU-134-10), the Navajo Nation stated its opposition to the passage of Arizona Prop 107. In the same resolution, NNHRC was directed to conduct public hearings for public input about Arizona Prop 107.

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NNHRC has the authority to conduct public hearings pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 922 (C) and (D) for recommendations involving discrimination of Navajo citizens and serves to advocate for the recognition of Navajo human rights.

Therefore, to advocate for Navajo human rights, NNHRC requests the input from the public about the Arizona Prop 107.

The NNHRC also seeks the input of representatives from Navajo entities, such as divisions, departments and programs that receive Arizona state funds. Expert representatives from all Navajo Nation entities are strongly encouraged to examine how the 2010 Arizona Prop 107 affects their program directly, and then provide testimony about how the proposition specifically impacts their program at the two public hearings scheduled by NNHRC.

NNHRC recommends that you organize what you will say, so the message is clear.

Here is an example of guidelines for a testimony but not necessary: introduce yourself, state the problem or the program affected, if you have tried to resolve the issue, explain the solutions you have attempted.

NNHRC will compile the information taken from the public hearings and issue a report to the public.

For more information, call the NNHRC office at (928) 871-7436 or visit the NNHRC website at www.nnhrc.navajo.org.

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