



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE
COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES CHILDREN'S CODE**

Date: Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: CRIT Tribal Council Chambers.

This amendment will add a new Chapter 8 to the Children's Code to provide a process for Indian Child Welfare Act matters. The purpose of this CRIT Indian Child Welfare Act provision is to protect the best interests of the CRIT children and to promote the stability and security of the CRIT and the families constituting the Tribes. The Tribal Council hereby declares that it has always been the policy of the CRIT, both before the enactment of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 and continuing thereafter, to protect the best interest of its children and to promote the stability and security of the Tribe and families. Furthermore, the Tribal Council hereby declares that there is no resource that is more vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Tribes than its children and families, and it is therefore enacting this ordinance in order to halt the number of Tribal families which are broken up by the removal, often unwarranted, of their children from them by non-tribal public and private agencies which place such children in non-Indian foster and adoptive homes and institutions; and further to halt and correct the failure of the various states of these United States, in the exercise of their jurisdiction over Indian child custody proceedings through their administrative and judicial bodies, to recognize the essential tribal relations of the CRIT people and the cultural and social standards prevailing in the CRIT community and its families.

Written comments from the public will be accepted at the address below up until **5:00 p.m.** on **June 14, 2018**. Any comments submitted will be made a part of the legislative record and will be considered for incorporation into the final Code. Submit comments to:

Colorado River Indian Tribes
Office of the Attorney General
26600 Mohave Road
Parker, Arizona 85344

The proposed Code can be viewed online and printed at: <http://www.crit-nsn.gov>. Copies will also be available at the Tribal Administrative Bldg. and the CRIT Library, located at 26600 Mohave Road, Parker, Arizona.