

ORDINANCE
COLORADO RIVER TRIBAL COUNCIL

An Ordinance to Enact Title IV of the Domestic Relations Code, Domestic and Family Violence

Be it enacted by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes in special meeting assembled on December 15, 2008

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes is a federally recognized Indian tribe, duly organized with a tribal governing body known as the Tribal Council, according to the provisions contained in the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Title IV of the Domestic Relations Code, Domestic and Family Violence is as follows:

- (1) End all domestic and family violence on the Colorado River Indian Reservation and promote the healing of families;
- (2) Ensure the safety of victims of domestic and family violence and guarantee victims the maximum protection from abuse and/or violence;
- (3) Establish unequivocally the official response to cases of domestic and family violence: Violent and abusive behavior will not be tolerated or excused under any circumstance;
- (4) Foster the principle that the elders, adults, women, children and physically/mentally challenged of our Tribes and community residing on the Colorado River Indian Reservation are to be cherished, protected and treated with respect;
- (5) Hold perpetrators of domestic and family violence fully accountable for their conduct;
- (6) Eliminate future violence in all families through prevention, counseling, treatment programs and public education that promote the cultural and traditional values of the Colorado River Indian Tribes so as to nurture non-violence within families and instill respect for the elders, adults, women, children and the physically/mentally challenged of our Tribes; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 10, 2008 for public comments and feedback; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Workgroup made appropriate changes to Title IV of the Domestic Relations Code, Domestic and Family Violence based on public comments and feedback received at the public hearing;