



PROCLAMATION OF THE COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES

Be it proclaimed by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, in *special* meeting assembled on October 9, 2020.

- 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, domestic violence is a serious and pervasive crime affecting millions of women, men, children and communities in the United States every year; and
- WHEREAS, the origins of domestic violence and abuse of native women and children can be traced to colonization, including the introduction of alcohol, forced removal of children, boarding schools, and loss of land, culture, language and traditional ways of life; and
- WHEREAS, Native women are 2.5 times more likely to be assaulted than other groups of women in the United States and homicide is the third leading cause of death for Native women; national statistics show 55.5 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner; and
- WHEREAS, there are limited resources on the Colorado River Indian Tribes and across tribal nations, Alaska Native Villages, and Native Hawaiian communities to help our relatives who are survivors of domestic violence and their children to get help, and hold offenders accountable; and
- WHEREAS, domestic violence and intimate partner violence can have life-long consequences emotionally, mentally, socially, spiritually and physically; violence harms the core of the human spirit and jeopardizes the future wellbeing of our nations, villages and communities; and
- WHEREAS, violence against women, children and elders is not the tradition of our people and our ancestors have taught the people that women and children are sacred and are to be protected and honored, and
- WHEREAS, ending domestic violence requires the leadership of survivors, support of tribal leaders, the collaborative efforts of the law enforcement, tribal justice system,

public health officials, and community members, and requires that everyone commit to our indigenous lifeways of non-violence and respect; and

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence remains one of the most prevalent, yet underreported crimes on the Colorado River Indian Tribes, and in Indian country.

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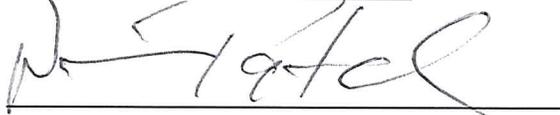
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED the Colorado River Indian Tribes proclaims the month of October, 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, honoring domestic violence survivors and advocates; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Colorado River Indian Tribes stands united in our commitment to end all forms of domestic violence in Indian country and the tribal or ancestral home of Colorado River Indian Tribes; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY PROCLAIMED, we call upon all Colorado River Indian Tribes citizens, law enforcement, tribal organizations, health officials and all tribal programs to speak out against domestic violence and actively support local efforts to assist our relatives who are survivors of violence to be safe and live their lives free from violence, to hold abusers and systems accountable, and return our nation to ways of respect, honor, love and compassion.

COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES' TRIBAL COUNCIL

Dennis Patch, Chairman



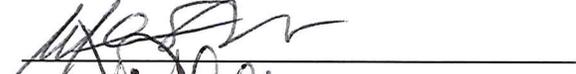
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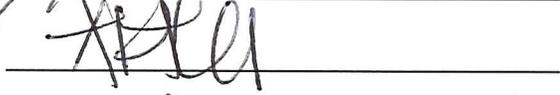
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