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HADA'A SIDI FILES SECOND REFORM SUIT; REVIEWS DECISIONS

Hada'a sidi, a Navajo civil society reform organization, announced the filing of a second suit against the Navajo Nation over fiscal improprieties by the Navajo Nation Council. The suit arises out of the appropriation adopted on June 26, 2009 that appropriates \$9,765,000 for spending by the Speaker and Chapters without observing the fiscal limitations set by Navajo Nation appropriations law. The group asks the Navajo Nation Window Rock District Court to enjoin implementation of the resolution, order an audit of expenditures and repayment, the appointment of masters to oversee monitoring of the monies, and other relief.

The group met on Monday to discuss organizational issues and noted both the announcement that the Election Administration had not ordered ballots for the initiative election ordered by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court and that the Council placed the President on leave. The leave vote was based on reports that have not been made public, without public trial and without an opportunity to respond.

The group put off specific action on emerging events pending further discussion but noted that the failure to put Council reduction and a line item veto to a vote of the People and the removal of the President contrary to provisions of the Navajo Nation Bill of Rights interfered with the popular vote, Navajo Nation democracy. The uneven balance between the Legislative and Executive Branches is detrimental to the harmony of the Navajo Nation and Ké taught by our elders.

The group intends to take public positions on pending issues and conduct meetings on government reform to hear from the people at the Hogan level throughout the Navajo Nation. Hada'sidi welcomes all concerned Navajo citizens to a public meeting on Friday, October 30, 2009 and Friday, November 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Window Rock Quality Inn. Government reform initiatives and the need for public donations will be discussed along with other business items.

Donations to support Hada'asidi can be mailed to: Hada'a sidi – Vigilant Ones, PO Box 2116, Window Rock, AZ 86515 or deposited under Hada'asidi at any Wells Fargo Bank.

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