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Human Rights Commission completes second teleconference meeting.

St. Michaels, Navajo Nation (ARIZ) – The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission (“Commission”) completed their second teleconference meeting on July 2, 2020. During the regular meeting, the Commission discussed the different issues from mistreatment of law enforcement to the removal of signs, logos and marquees that express racial injustice.

The Commission is calling on border towns to remove any imagery that promotes Indigenous stereotypes and racial inequalities and injustices. With the continuation of the use of this imagery, it continues to perpetrate colonial view on Indigenous peoples. In the resolution passed by the Commission, there was examples of what the Commission deems inappropriate such as the Durango Chief caricature, “Redskins” mascots, the verbal terminology such as “squaw”, which is a sexual slur to describe indigenous women, and the word “Tribe”, which indicates that indigenous peoples are savage, uncivilized, and lawless--without civilization.

The Commission also expressed the need to have Bordertown police departments to continue to include in their policy to have Navajo cultural sensitivity training and to be more aware of Navajo human rights due to the substantial number of Navajos who visit border towns on a daily basis.

Four resolutions were pass with all resolutions having the vote of 3 in favor and 0 opposed.

Resolution NNHRCJULY-08-20 Continuing the Efforts to Protect and Preserve the San Francisco Peaks as a Sacred Mountain for the Navajo People. **Resolution NNHRCJULY-09-20** Supporting the Reduction of the Annual Percentage Rate from 175% to 36% for Small Loans in the State of New Mexico. **Resolution NNHRCJULY-10-20** Opposing the Application for Sale of Liquor at the St. Michaels, Navajo Nation, Family Dollar Store and Recommending that the Navajo Nation Council Oppose the Same. **Resolution NNHRCJULY-11-20** Calling for Businesses, Governments and Cities to Remove Signs, Logos, & Marquees That Signify Racial Injustices.

With the National trends coming on to the Navajo Nation, the Commission was proactive to continue to move forward on promoting and protecting Navajo Human Rights. For more information contact the contact the Office of Commission at their temporary number 505-422-3189 or email nnhrc@navajo-nsn.gov to request a copy of passed resolutions.

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