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NOTICE

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHIEF BILL FOLLIS.

Yesterday, June 14, 2022, the Elected Council took the extraordinary step of obtaining a Court Order enjoining defendants Kirk Miller, Ben Karnes, Edd Miller, Danny Burkybile, Anita Williams, and Jason Clark (the “defendants”) from any further attempts to disrupt and disable the institution of the tribal government. The restraining order was issued by Special Tribal Judge Marsha Harlan of the Court of the Modoc Nation. In addition, we filed a civil complaint against the defendants, requesting Judge Harlan to order a permanent injunction that would forever prevent the defendants from engaging in offenses against the Nation.

The decision to pursue legal action against these individuals was not made lightly. For nearly 45 years, I have diligently worked to act in the best interest of the Tribal Council. When I announced that I would not seek re-election, I did so with the sincere expectation of a peaceful transfer of power to the next generation of Modoc leaders. However, from the outset, a minority of individuals have sought to disparage our Elected Council and conspired to seize control of the government and its commercial businesses for their own benefit. After this conspiracy was revealed, the Elected Council took action to prevent the attempted takeover.

Contrary to the expressed opinions of some, we are not working to silence anyone who may have opinions contrary to the continuity of the government. A public hearing on whether to extend the Tribal Court’s Order is set for June 29, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. At that time, the defendants will have the opportunity to appear and state a case against extending the Order. The claims made in the Nation’s complaint are allegations that, if the case were to proceed to trial, the Nation must prove to receive a permanent injunction against the defendants.

To receive a copy of these Court filings, please make your request to info@modocnation.com.

It is and has been my honor to serve as your Chief.

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