

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHIEF BILL FOLLIS:

“IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Defendants are not properly elected as a result of the invalid annual meeting and therefore have no authority to act as elected officials of the Modoc Nation and are hereby enjoined from acting in any capacity as a governmental official of the Modoc Nation.”

Modoc Nation v. Kirk Miller, Ben Karnes, Anita Williams, Danny Burkybile, Edd Miller, and Jason Clark, Court of the Modoc Nation, (Case No. CIV-22-001)(June 30, 2022).

On June 30, 2022, the Elected Council won an injunction against Defendants Kirk Miller, Ben Karnes, Anita Williams, Danny Burkybile, Edd Miller, and Jason Clark that prevents them from masquerading as elected officials of the Tribe. The Order was effective immediately.

Rather than adhere to the Court’s Order and the rule of law, the Defendants have continued to drive false claims, spread misinformation, and create polarization among our people. They have willfully violated tribal ordinances and wantonly attempted to disrupt tribal government functions and intimidate tribal government staff. On July 8, 2022, the Defendants took the outrageous step of issuing correspondence on official tribal letterhead claiming to be from the Chief and pushing another deceitful narrative. Such senseless conduct only undermines the integrity of the Modoc Nation with governmental agencies and business partners.

This has to stop. Accordingly, the Elected Council is pursuing monetary sanctions and other penalties in Court against the Defendants for their contemptible conduct. The hearing will be held on July 20, 2022.

Please feel assured that the Defendants will not be able to prevent the Annual Meeting or General Election from occurring on August 6, 2022, as scheduled. In addition, the Enrollment Committee is completing its administrative process of determining the validity of the Modoc Nation rolls. Finally, the Election Commission is currently accepting applications and nominations for office until July 15, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. and will thereafter determine the eligibility of candidates seeking to appear on the ballot.

Thank you for your continued support. It is and has been my honor to serve as your Chief.