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Press Advisory: Navajo Response to Displacement from Fraudulent Sober Living Homes

PHOENIX, Ariz. – The Navajo Nation will hold a press conference at 10:30 A.M. MST (Phoenix Time) on Friday, May 19, to announce its response to the State of Arizona’s recent enforcement actions against over 100 unlicensed and fraudulent sober living homes and rehabilitation facilities in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Dubbed “Operation Rainbow Bridge,” the Nation will headquarter an emergency operation center in the Valley that will include field teams and technical teams to assist in transitioning displaced Navajo tribal members to legitimate service providers or back home to the Navajo Nation.

The press conference will occur at the offices of Husch Blackwell at 2415 E. Camelback Road, Suite 500, Phoenix, Arizona, 85016 and via Zoom.

The press conference will provide details regarding Operation Rainbow Bridge and the Nation’s partnership with state, federal, tribal, and other entities to ensure a strong safety net for its tribal members during this moment of transition. Speakers will include Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren, Speaker Crystalne Curley (invited), and other elected leadership for the Nation, as well as leadership from the Nation’s Incident Command Team. Key partners have also been invited to speak. All will be available for questions after the press conference.

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