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PUBLIC NOTICE

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DATE: May 5, 2022

SUBJECT: Phased Reopening of Tohono O'odham Legislative Branch Offices (In Person Meetings and Session Tuesdays and Thursdays)

I hope this message finds everyone well. As the coronavirus pandemic slows down and after consultation with public health officials, the Legislative Branch will begin its first phase of reopening the Legislative Branch offices in accordance with the Legislative Branch COVID-19 Pandemic Response Plan. We will start with a 30% reopening phase, which will include in-person committee meetings and Legislative Council sessions beginning on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. The 30% reopening phase includes in-person Council committee meetings and Legislative Council sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays and continued virtual committee meetings and Legislative Council sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If you are presenting to the Legislative Council or a committee on a Tuesday or Thursday, please be prepared to attend in-person, unless otherwise notified by a committee staffer.

As the Legislative Branch reopens, the Legislative Branch will observe safety measures and protocols such as temperature checks, indoor facemask requirements, as well as frequent sanitization of common surfaces, and encourage everyone to regularly wash their hands. The Legislative Branch would like to remind the public that part of our 30% reopening plan restricts access to Legislative Branch offices for official business only and personal visits are strongly discouraged for the safety and well-being of everyone.

The Legislative Branch would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the public for continuing to adhere to all of the safety measures in support of the community's wellbeing. We look forward to implementing our 70% plan, likely in August when conditions will again be reassessed. We ask each and every one of you to be courteous, patient, but most of all understanding as we transition the Legislative Branch to in-person meetings and Legislative Council sessions.

Please continue to stay safe. We wish everyone continued good health and wellbeing.