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NOTICE

RE: *Temporary Closure of Membership and Enrollment*

Please be advised that the Membership and Enrollment Committee will be conducting file audits, revising procedures, process, file maintenance and management. This process will compel this Committee to temporarily suspend and close the enrollment process until after the tribal elections in June 2018.

The Chairman, Manuel Paul Sanchez has allowed me to appoint additional members to this Committee that are willing and committed to assist us in this needed task. For now and until after the elections, the following members will serve on this committee:

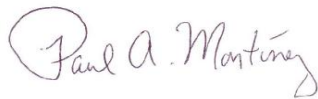
1. Paul "Pablo" A. Martinez, Chairman
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This will take effect immediately. Any application received prior to this notice will be reviewed on Saturday, March 31, 2018, in Las Cruces, NM. Location will be announced to the respective committee members. This meeting is not open to the public. The Committee, will advise the prospective member the proposed recommendations and the anticipated date their case will be reviewed and submitted to Tribal Council for approval. Those files that are incomplete will be returned to the individual(s) with a letter indicating our reasons for returning the application. We will no longer assume the responsibility of holding onto incomplete files. We have upgraded the website with specific and detailed instructions. Forms can be downed and completed. The Introduction Letter and Checklist provides the needed information for consideration. The applicant has the burden to submit the need proof of lineage, and not the Committee nor the Band's responsibility. We are here to facilitate the applicant, but not to conduct the research or have to pursue folks to submit proper documentation. This has been a major problem and cumbersome in the past. We are not utilizing the family representative system as was done in the past. It is the responsibility of every adult applicant over the age of 18 to complete and submit one's application and supporting documentation. The parent(s) of the minor members will be notified and once child is 18 or over, the members will be responsible for dealing with this Committee for any changes, etc.

Accordingly, after the May 31, 2018 meeting, several incomplete files and documentation will be returned to those that have failed to comply with numerous requests for needed information and documentation. If interested in being a member of the Band, again, it that individual's responsibility to submit the completed application with the supporting documentation. These folks in essence will need to reapply after June of 2018. No one is immune to this process.

We will update the Newsletter to reflect the changes. Also, all donations for the membership identification cards received in this new process will be non-refundable if submitted with the applications. For these donations are not guarantees that one will receive membership.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul A. Martinez". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Paul "Pablo" Martinez
Chairman-Membership and Enrollment