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**Klamath Tribes May 17, 2014 General Council Meeting
Rescheduled for May 31, 2014**

Chiloquin, OR- Due to concerns for the safety of Klamath Tribal members and members of the Klamath Tribes Tribal Council, the Saturday, May 17, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Klamath Tribes General Council has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 31, 2014, 10 am. The meeting will take place as rescheduled, provided that adequate security measures are in place to ensure a safe, open and productive meeting for those Tribal members who intend to participate.

Regrettably, there have been threats of physical harm, intimidation and harassment (through direct and phone contact, and through the social media) directed toward individuals on the Klamath Tribes Tribal Council and toward the Tribal Council as a whole. There has been an active campaign to organize a hostile takeover of the meeting as evidenced by comments in the social media and a recent paid advertisement in the Herald and News. Among the threats is a threat to chain, padlock and block the doors in order to keep the Tribal Council and those attending the meeting there until action is taken to remove the Chairman, and to overturn the results of a recent referendum approved by the voting membership of the Klamath Tribes. The actions planned by those organizing the takeover are a violation of the Constitution of the Klamath Tribes and a violation of the rights of the individual members of the Klamath Tribes.

It is acknowledged by the Tribal Council that some may believe this action is an over-reaction to the situation, and has been taken by the Tribal Council to keep the Tribal membership from the truth, and to prohibit them from exercising their rights to participate in the Tribes' governmental process. This is not the case. The Klamath Tribal Council is responsible to the entire membership to ensure meetings are properly conducted according to the "Klamath Tribes Traditional Meeting Conduct of the General Council," adopted by the General Council on November 17, 2012. This code of conduct provides opportunity for all Tribal members to express their views and position on issues, in a safe environment, without fear of intimidation, harassment, and threats of retaliation.

In this day and age, all threats of violence and intimidation must be taken seriously. Unfortunately, this is evidenced by recent shootings and violent acts that have escalated across the nation, even in Tribal communities. It is a responsibility of the Tribal Council to ensure adequate protection of the welfare and safety of individual Klamath Tribal members during General Council and other meetings of the Klamath Tribes.

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