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Subject: Guidance on Confrontations with Immigration Agents

Dear Tribal Members,

On January 20 and 21, 2025, President Trump declared a national emergency and issued several executive orders regarding immigration. One of these orders, titled "Protecting the American People Against Invasion," enables the Department of Homeland Security to establish new enforcement policies concerning illegal entry, unlawful presence, and the removal of individuals unlawfully present in the United States.

Recently, there have been reports of incidents involving Native American/American Indian and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents. This letter aims to provide guidance on how to respond if you encounter an ICE agent.

1. Safety Precautions:

Stay Aware: Be mindful of your surroundings, inform family members or friends of your location, and always carry identification. If possible, have multiple forms of ID, such as a driver's license, state-issued identification card, tribal identification card, or Certificate of Indian Blood. The CTGR Enrollment Department is available to assist tribal members in obtaining tribal identification and a Certificate of Indian Blood. To support all tribal members, the CTGR is waiving the fee for tribal IDs for 60 days. For assistance, please get in touch with Elvira Murphy, Enrollment Officer, at (435) 274-5255 or via email at elvira.murphy@ctgr.us.

2. If Approached in a Public Place:

- Remain calm, polite, and respectful.
- Request verification of the agent's identity, including their badge, to confirm their legitimacy.
- Document the encounter with video or audio recording. If recording isn't possible, write down as many details as you can remember, including times, dates, and names.

3. If Approached at Home:

- Keep your door securely closed and request to see a warrant signed by a judge.
- If a valid warrant is not presented, state clearly, "I do not consent to your entry."

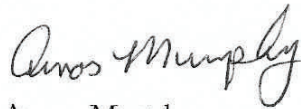
4. If Detained or Arrested:

- Remain calm and do NOT resist.
- Politely state that you are exercising your right to remain silent and request to speak with an attorney.

After an encounter, please get in touch with Tribal Chairman Amos Murphy at (435) 841-4515. If necessary, the Tribe can assist you in contacting the local American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) or other resources.

This letter serves as a general guide and should not be considered a substitute for legal advice. The leadership of the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation is actively collaborating with the State of Utah to protect the rights of tribal members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amos Murphy".

Amos Murphy
Tribal Chairman
Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation