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>THE KAWEAH INDIAN NATION
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>We the kaweah come from the Itza Indians who became known as the Anasazi of >what is now the south west united states. Our history spans back over 3000 years. The kaweah of today spreads from Canada to South America and number >in the thousands.

- We were a dominant sea and river people from Mexico and Central >America. We moved to what is now known as the south west United states of >America. Around 150 years ago most of the tribe went underground. Now the >great sea and river people, the ancient Anasazi are coming back into the >light.
- The kaweah Indian nation is registered in the state of Nevada as >state within a state. It is also registered as a corporation and a >non-profit organization. The kaweah nation secretary of state main office >is located in Wichita Kansas. We are not federally recognized as of yet.

We believe that the people of Mexico at least most of them are >Native American. There D.N.A. can prove this to be a fact. For hundreds of >years we have been forced to forget our heritage our culture and give up >our recognition. Some believe that Mexico is nothing more but a huge Indian >reservation mixed up of hundreds or even thousands of different Native >American tribes. We believe that those who chose to have there god given >right to reclaim there history, culture and recognition of who they truly >are should be able to do so.

For thousands of years our people have migrated through out the >Americas to hunt to trade in order to survive. We still do this today. But >now we are called illegal aliens. How can one be native to a place and be >called an illegal alien at the same time. It is not possible to be both. >Our people did not cross these man made borders, they crossed us! History >has proven that the natural order of life can not be contained, not by >border patrol, military, walls or even ignorance. The natural immigration >of natives is like the natural immigration of whales, birds or elephants; >it is against the laws of nature and evolution to try to contain it. It >would unbalance the world. Nature will find a way to overcome any attempt >to unbalance it. We are not a second class race. We are not inferior. We

>have survived thousands of years of abuse, rape and murder by the same >people we welcomed onto our land. They were the real illegal aliens and >still we survive. Our hope for the future is that our people will have and >will take there god given right to reclaim there history there culture and >recognition, if they choose to do so. I hope that they will take some time >to look for there past and realize that they have a rich and powerful >history and are not weak little aliens.

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> As in every organization or movement there is corruption threatening >our cause and our people. People are being robbed, mislead and lied to by >some individuals. We had thought that by going through churches that these >things would be prevented but they were not. The majority of the churches >we work through are wonderful people who care about there members and there >community. Yet there are some who for reasons of misunderstandings, >impatience and even greed are hurting this movement and the people behind >it.

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> I was assigned to stop this from happening, to police and monitor >the situation.

>I also educate the people and the pastures about what we are trying to do >and how we need to do it. We decided that every application would go >through my office in San Antonio as a way to screen the situation. Every >one who called in would have the ability to tell me if they have been taken >advantage of in any way. This is a very affective way of monitoring the >situation I learned of many problems and I have been able to correct them. >I have been working around the clock to stop the corruption and to educate >the people about our program but I was only assigned this position in >March. It takes time to do this. Regardless of how much time it takes I >intend to get it done.

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As our movement changes so does the understanding of our rights, one >day things are done like so and the next we have to change them. No one has >set an example for us to fallow we are learning together as we go forward. >Any one who has spoken to me or that I have spoken to know that we do not >adopt people. As far as I know it is not possible to adopt an adult. Nor do >we wish to. I also make it clear that the documents you receive hold no >federal, state, or any other government value. I make it clear that unless >this tribe gets federally recognized you can not get any social security >cards or work permits or any type of migrant or legal status. We are in the >process of preparing our case in order to submit it for our federal >recognition.

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> Becoming a part of the Kaweah Indian Nation and receiving these >documents is our way of getting your legal testimony on paper saying, this >is who I am. I demand my recognition. I demand my blood rights. This serves >as proof for who ever needs to see it that you want back what is yours.

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We as a nation and a movement have been blamed for the actions of a

>few unscrupulous individuals. The accusations made toward the tribe and our >movement are false and an insult to us and to the thousands of members >fighting for our people. We will meet with the people making these >accusations and explain to them and the media, in a way that they can >understand. That if they would have contacted me or the office in Wichita >and got an official explanation the way reputable organizations do it, they >would have found out who we are and what we are doing. In stead they chose >to try to get some kind of false glory for them selves by using the actions >of a few people, who we are selves have been looking for not to mention >putting our people, the same people they claim to represent at risk. > I will contact these certain individuals and give them the opportunity to >fix what they have done. I will ask them to the right thing. I will ask >them to help us or to let us help them in regards to our people. If they >refuse to clear up this situation we will be forced to press charges for >slander. > > > > > >

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