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**NNABA DENOUNCES ARIZONA LEGISLATION THAT LEGITIMIZES
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST LGBT PEOPLE**

Phoenix, AZ. – The National Native American Bar Association (NNABA) condemns legislation passed by the Arizona state legislature that, under the guise of religious freedom, would enable discrimination against individuals who identify as LGBT, and strongly urges Governor Jan Brewer to veto this legislation.

"NNABA has long advocated for equal rights for all Americans, and this legislation is antithetical to the principles upon which this country is founded," said NNABA President Mary Smith. "This legislation is offensive to a nation that seeks equality for all."

If Governor Brewer does not veto Arizona House Bill 2153/Senate Bill 1062 by Friday, February 28, Arizona will soon allow individuals and for-profit corporations to discriminate against anyone if they claim to be acting in the name of their religious convictions. This includes refusing services to members of the LGBT community and denying equal benefits to women in the workplace.

Founded in 1973, NNABA serves as the national association for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian attorneys, judges, law professors and law students. NNABA strives for justice and effective legal representation for all American indigenous peoples; fosters the development of Native American lawyers and judges; and addresses social, cultural and legal issues affecting American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.

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