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**HOPIS TRIBAL LEADERS JOINED BY
ARIZONA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
CALL ON U.S. FEDERAL AUTHORITIES AND
FRENCH AUTHORITIES
TO STOP PARIS AUCTION AND
VOLUNTARILY RETURN SACRED OBJECTS**

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Arizona congressional leadership are joining the Hopi Tribal leadership in requesting the U. S. Department of Justice, the F.B.I. and other federal agencies take all immediate actions necessary to halt the EVE Auction House scheduled on June 1, 2015 and request a voluntary return of auctioned objects identified to be of Hopi origin to the Hopi Tribe.

With: The Honorable Paul A. Gosar, Representing the 4th District of Arizona
The Honorable David Schweikert, Representing the 6th District of Arizona
Chairman Herman G. Honanie, The Hopi Tribe
Mr. Pierre Ciric, Esq., The Ciric Law Firm, LLC
Mr. John Bulla, Interim Director/CEO, The Heard Museum
Mr. Robert Breunig, Former Director, Museum of Northern Arizona

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When: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 2:00 pm MST

The Hopi Tribal Council has consistently directed its Executive Officers to pursue whatever means as necessary to stop our “katsina friends” from being illegally sold at auctions and forever lost in private collections.

Chairman Herman G. Honanie stated “We are thankful for the immediate support of the entire Arizona delegation and especially the participation of Congressmen Gosar and Schweikert to assist the Hopi Tribe in the return of our sacred objects. Our Katsina Friends must be returned home. We will do all that it takes for their safe return.”

Note to all editors and journalists covering the issue: please refrain from publishing images of the sacred objects as well as describing the sacred objects as “masks” in your reporting as the objects embody the “katsina friends” or in other words, the “katsina friends” embody the spiritual deity most sacred to the Hopis.

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