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 9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 10 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

11 DAVID SMITH,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 FAMILY DOLLAR, INC., a North
 15 Carolina Corporation; DOES I through X;
 16 and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES I through
 X, inclusive,

17 Defendant.

Case No.: 2:15-cv-00945-JCM-PAL

**NOTICE PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 16-
 6(b) AND/OR 16-5 AND REQUEST TO
 SCHEDULE EARLY NEUTRAL
 EVALUATION SESSION OR, IN THE
 ALTERNATIVE, SETTLEMENT
 CONFERENCE**

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 19 Plaintiff DAVID SMITH (“Plaintiff”) and Defendant FAMILY DOLLAR, INC.
 20 (“Defendant”), by and through their respective counsel, hereby provide notice pursuant to Local Rule
 21 16-6(b) that the parties to the above-captioned matter have not been referred to the early neutral
 22 evaluation (“ENE”) and request this matter be referred to the ENE program pursuant to either LR
 23 16-5 or 16-6. [Dkt. #1].

24 Pursuant to Local Rule 16-6, all employment discrimination actions filed in this Court are
 25 referred to a neutral Magistrate Judge for the scheduling of an ENE session in order to provide the
 26 parties with a candid evaluation of the merits of their claims and defenses. In this action, Plaintiff
 27 asserts claims for interference and retaliation/discrimination under the Family Medical Leave Act,
 28 29 U.S.C § 2601, *et seq.* (“FMLA”). [Dkt. #1]. Plaintiff also asserts a tort claim for retaliatory

1 discharge in violation of public policy. Local Rule 16-6(b) does not expressly identify FMLA
2 violation claims or retaliatory discharge tort claims as comprising an “employment discrimination
3 action” subject to the ENE program. However, the parties believe the claims asserted are akin to
4 those causes of action that are subject to the ENE programs and that it would benefit the parties to
5 participate in the ENE program.

6 As provided in Local Rule 16-6(b), in the event an action is not initially assigned to the ENE
7 program, “an action must be assigned to the Program upon the filing by any party of a notice”
8 identifying the grounds for inclusion into the program. Alternatively, Local Rule 16-5 provides that
9 the Court may set a settlement conference at any time in a civil case at its discretion. As such, the
10 parties request this matter be referred for an ENE session.

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12 Dated: July 20, 2015.

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13 Respectfully submitted,

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20 **IT IS ORDERED** that this matter qualifies for and should be referred to the ENE
21 Referral Program.

22 DATED this 20th day of July, 2015.

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24 Peggy A. Leen
25 United States Magistrate Judge