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Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley stands with Sen. Gordon Smith during the tribal summit the Senator convened at the Celilo Village longhouse in October. During this fifth summit, Oregon tribal leaders discussed the need for money and programs that address such issues as health care, education and economic development.

Siletz Tribal Restoration – A 30th Anniversary Celebration

Part VII – Tribe Set to Make History, Again
First Tribe in Oregon to Achieve Restoration Will Celebrate Landmark Anniversary with Pow-Wow at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City

by Brent Merrill

The people of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians have been making history since time immemorial. On Saturday, November 17, they will make history again.

That is the day the Tribe will celebrate three decades of efforts to maintain and preserve connections to the past and restore the foundations of an ancient culture. Tribal members and the public at large are being invited to participate in and observe the celebration. The 30th Annual Restoration Pow-Wow will begin at the Tribe's Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City at 6 p.m. Traditional drumming and dancing will highlight the event.

All year long, the Tribe has been preparing to walk into the future. Lining the path along the way is the wisdom of the Elders.

"We are inviting the public to celebrate our Restoration and commemorate those Tribal members who made this all possible," said Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley about the Restoration event. "We want to share our story and let people know about those individuals that put the effort together and saw it through to completion with hard work and heart. We want to tell their story."

Reasons for the significance of this celebration go deep into the Tribe's history.

"Restoration is important to remember because when the Tribe was terminated in 1954 much was lost," said Pigsley.

Tribe Invites You to 30th Anniversary Restoration Celebration

On November 17, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians will hold its Annual Restoration Pow-Wow at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. The public is invited to this free event, which begins with a grand entry at 6 p.m.

Siletz cultural displays and American Indian vendors – with jewelry, beadwork, and other items for sale – will be available throughout the day.

This is the 30th year the Siletz Tribe has celebrated the signing of Public Law 95-195, which re-established government-to-government relations between the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the federal government. The Siletz Tribe was among the tribes of Western Oregon that were terminated from federal recognition in August 1954.

In the late 1960s, it became apparent that the only way to preserve and

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