

NCAI statement on President Obama's executive order establishing the White House Council on Native American Affairs

RENO, Nev. – In Washington, D.C., on June 26, President Obama signed an executive order creating the White House Council on Native American Affairs.

The executive order establishes “a national policy to ensure that the federal government engages in a true and lasting government-to-government relationship” with Tribal nations.

In advance of the June 27 address by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell to the General Assembly of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid-Year Conference in Reno, NCAI President Jefferson Keel released the following statement:

“President Obama's executive order represents a very strong step forward to strengthen our nation-to-nation

relationship. The council has been a top priority of Tribal leaders from the earliest days of the Obama administration. It will increase respect for the trust responsibility and facilitate the efficient delivery of government services.

The executive order represents an important commitment to:

- Effective Tribal policy development coordinated with the White House Domestic Policy Council
- Increased engagement with Tribal nations and Native peoples through the White House Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs
- Effective and efficient consultation under Executive Order 13175
- The ongoing success of the annual White House Tribal Nations Summit

We look forward to working with President Obama, Secretary Jewell and other members of the Cabinet to ensure that the council advances our nation-to-nation relationship and builds a prosperous future for generations to come.”

Background

The council has been a top priority of Tribal leaders from the earliest days of the Obama administration.

At the NCAI Annual Convention in 2009, anticipating the first annual White House Tribal Nations Summit, the membership of NCAI passed resolution PSP-09-008, Reaffirmation of the Nation-to-Nation Relationship. The resolution called upon the president to establish an executive branch nation-to-nation council chaired by the secretary of the interior.

In 2012, following the president's successful re-election campaign, NCAI urged the president to “create an inter-agency Native policy council” as one of nine transformative actions that would strengthen our nation-to-nation relationship.

About NCAI

Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians advocates on behalf of Tribal governments and communities, promoting strong Tribal-federal government-to-government policies and a better understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights.

For more information, visit ncai.org.

HHS offers fix for Affordable Care Act definition of Indian coverage issue

On June 26, the Department of Health and Human Services' Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced in a final rule that all American Indians and Alaska Natives eligible to receive care through the Indian Health Service will be exempt from the minimum essential coverage requirement in the Affordable Care Act.

This hardship waiver is in direct response to the concerns of Tribal leaders and advocates about interpretations of the law that could have unintended negative financial consequences for individual American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Without the hardship waiver, some American Indians and Alaska Natives would be required to buy insurance or face

an accessible penalty for failure to maintain minimum essential coverage despite their access to Indian Health Service.

The National Congress of American Indians, in partnership with many other national and regional organizations, has been seeking an administrative and legislative fix to resolve the conflict between

current services available and the interpretation of the law.

Though NCAI applauds the administration's effort to make sure Tribal concerns are addressed, it recognizes that this is a technical and short-term fix. NCAI will continue its legislative strategy to guarantee that this protection is codified in statute.

Tribal RV parks have space available for you

Logan Road RV Park, Lincoln City, Ore. – loganroadrvpark.com/877-LOGANRV
Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort, Salem, Ore. – heeheeillahee.com/877-564-7295

Help with student housing available

The Temporary Tribal Student Assistance Program (TTSAP) is a time-limited program that assists a student while he or she is obtaining higher education for a period not to exceed six years.

Participants must:

1. Maintain full-time student status (defined as 12 or more credits per semester)
2. Attend a college, university, vocational or trade school
3. Maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department (STHD) will allow up to 30 vouchers for this program each year, as long as funding exists.

The family's share of the rent is 30 percent of their adjusted annual income. Annual income is any earned income

from employment by a member of the family who is 18 years of age. This does not include income received for school grants, such as financial aid.

STHD started accepting applications for the 2013-2014 TTSAP on July 16. The deadline to submit applications to STHD is Aug. 16, 2013.

An applicant will not be deemed eligible for the program until the application is complete, meaning that all questions in the application are answered and all supporting documents are attached.

The application is available on the Siletz Tribal website – ctsi.nsn.us – and at the STHD office.

For more information, contact Jessica Garcia, Rental Assistance Program coordinator/Resident Services advocate, at 541-444-8315 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1315.

Science/tech fellowship available

The Christine Mirzayan Science & Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program, now in its 16th year, provides early-career individuals with the opportunity to spend 12 weeks at the National Academies in Washington, D.C., learning about science and technology policy and the role scientists and engineers play in influencing policy.

Each year, applicants from around the world are coupled with a mentor and become part of a National Academies committee, board or unit to learn about the world of science and technology policy.

Applicants should be graduate and professional school students and those who have completed graduate stud-

ies (degree awarded) within the last five years.

Areas of study can include any social/behavioral science, medical/health discipline, physical or biological science, any field of engineering, law/business/public administration or any relevant interdisciplinary fields.

The deadline for applications is Sept. 5. Selections will be made in late October.

For more information, visit the National Academies Christine Mirzayan Science & Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program at sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/policyfellows/index.htm or contact the program at 202-334-2455 or policyfellows@nas.edu.

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

August 9th-11th, 2013

Pauline Ricks Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds, Government Hill, Siletz, OR
Everyone Welcome!

Thursday, August 8th

Royalty Pageant - 6pm

Friday, August 9th

Memorials/Giveaways - Noon to 5pm

Presentation of Crowns - 6pm

Grand Entry - 7pm

Saturday, August 10th

Parade - 10am

Dance Competition Points awarded for Parade Participation

Grand Entry - 1pm & 7pm

Sunday, August 11th

Grand Entry - Noon

Salmon Dinner

All Dancers & Drummers Welcome
Drummers, Please Bring Your Own Chairs

The Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow is a drug and alcohol free event. We are not responsible for accidents, lost or stolen items, break-ups or fry bread melt downs.

Vendor registration is required.

Camping fee \$25; \$5 pet fee / per pet (camping area)

Camp Grounds open Thursday at 7am

For more information call
800-922-1399

Buddy Lane Ext. 1230

Nick Sixkiller Ext. 1757



Categories

Golden Age, Adult, Teen and Youth
Each category pays 5 places.

Specials

- Team Dance
- Women's Basketcap (Open)
- Round Bustle (Open)
- Women's All-Around
- Stanson Yazzie Men's All-Around (Grass, Fancy, & Chicken 18 years and older)