



## Siletz Tribe invites community to attend 38<sup>th</sup> annual Restoration Pow-Wow



The public is invited to join the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians on Nov. 14 as it holds its annual Restoration Pow-Wow at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Ore.

This free event begins with a grand entry at 6 p.m. American Indian vendors with jewelry, beadwork and other items for sale will be available throughout the day.

This is the 38<sup>th</sup> 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 terminated from federal recognition in August 1954.

In the late 1960s, it became apparent that the only way to preserve and revitalize Siletz Tribal sovereignty, community and culture was for the Siletz Tribe to regain its status as a Tribe recognized by the United States.

In November 1977, after years of intense lobbying, Congress and President Jimmy Carter approved Public Law 95-195, which reinstated recognition of the Siletz as a federal Indian Tribe. The Siletz Tribe was the second in the nation – and the first in Oregon – to achieve restoration.

Dedicated to improving the quality of life of its more than 5,000 members, the Tribe puts strong emphasis on the education, health and social well-being of all its members.

Significant Tribal accomplishments since Restoration include opening the original health clinic in 1991 and a new much larger clinic in 2010; building more than 150 homes and multiple dwellings



File photos

Above: Felisha Howell (blue/white headband), Samantha Chisholm Hatfield, Mona Hudson, Donna Woods and Kaye Stainbrook during Grand Entry

Left: Trudence Butler-Hill

for Tribal members, including 28 units at Neachesna Village in Lincoln City; 19 apartments in Siletz that opened in 2010; and 12 homes in the Tillamook subdivision in Siletz that have opened since 2013; completing the Siletz Dance House in 1996; opening the Tenas Illahee Child Care Center in 2003; opening the Tillicum Fitness Center and a new USDA food distribution warehouse in Siletz in

2008; and opening the Siletz Rec Center in 2009.

Through its economic development division, the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation, the Tribe purchased the Lincoln Shores office complex in Lincoln City in 2001 and opened the Siletz Gas & Mini-Mart in Siletz in 2004, the Logan Road

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## Interior Department proposes pathway to re-establish government-to-government relationship with Native Hawaiian community

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of the Interior recently announced a proposal to create an administrative procedure and criteria that the secretary of the interior would apply if the Native Hawaiian community forms a unified government that then seeks a formal government-to-government relationship with the United States.

Under the new proposal announced Sept. 29, the Native Hawaiian community – not the federal government – would decide whether to reorganize a Native Hawaiian government, what form that government would take and whether it would seek a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

“The United States has a long-standing policy of supporting self-governance for Native peoples, yet the benefits of the government-to-government relationship have long been denied to Native Hawaiians, one of our nation’s largest indigenous communities,” said

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. “Today’s proposal is testament to the Obama administration’s strong support for our nation’s Native peoples’ right to self-determination.”

The proposal, which takes the form of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), builds on more than 150 federal statutes that Congress has enacted over the last century to recognize and implement the special political and trust relationship between the United States and the Native Hawaiian community.

The NPRM comes on the heels of a robust and transparent public comment period as part of an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) process that began last year and included public meetings. More than 5,000 members of the public submitted written responses to the ANPRM and they overwhelmingly favored creating a pathway for re-establishing a formal government-to-government relationship.

“We’ve listened to the feedback we received during the public meetings and in writing and worked to improve the proposal to reflect those comments,” added Jewell. “We appreciate the many voices on this topic and look forward to hearing from the public on this proposal.”

If a government-to-government relationship is re-established, it can provide the community with greater flexibility to preserve its distinct culture and traditions and special status under federal law that enables the community to exercise powers of self-government over many issues that directly impact community members.

The Native Hawaiian community has not had a formal government since the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1893. In 1993, Congress enacted the Apology Resolution, which offered an apology to Native Hawaiians on behalf of the United States for its role in the overthrow and committed the federal government to a process of reconciliation.

As part of that reconciliation process, in 2000 the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice jointly issued a report identifying as its lead recommendation the need to foster self-determination for Native Hawaiians under federal law.

This proposal is available for review at [doi.gov/ohr](http://doi.gov/ohr), and public comments on it will be accepted for the next 90 days.

The public is encouraged to read the proposal and provide comments in writing by email to [part50@doi.gov](mailto:part50@doi.gov), at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) (docket no. DOI-2015-0005) or by U.S. mail/hand delivery to the Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, Room 7228, 1849 C St. NW, Washington, DC 20240.

The public is also encouraged to participate in teleconferences on the proposed rule, a schedule of which is available at [doi.gov/sites/doi.opengov.ibmcloud.com/files/uploads/Public%20Meetings%20and%20Consultation%20Schedule.pdf](http://doi.gov/sites/doi.opengov.ibmcloud.com/files/uploads/Public%20Meetings%20and%20Consultation%20Schedule.pdf).