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SUBJECT: TRIBAL CONSULTATION POLICY

EFFECTIVE DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2018

PURPOSE:

This policy establishes basic principles for the business relationship between the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) and the Tribal Governments in the State of Arizona.

AUTHORITY:

Pursuant to A.R.S. 41-2051, each agency shall develop and implement tribal consultation policies to guide the agency's work and interaction with tribal nations of this state.

INTRODUCTION:

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) is the focal point for highway safety issues in Arizona. GOHS provides leadership by developing, promoting, and coordinating programs that influence public and private policy by increasing public awareness of highway safety issues. Funded programs target speed reduction, decreasing impaired driving, increasing seat belt and child safety seat usage as well as motorcycle safety awareness and driver distractions that cause traffic fatalities and injuries on our streets and highways. GOHS provides grant funding to law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and non-profit organizations throughout Arizona.

POLICY:

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety recognizes the sovereignty of Tribal governments and their jurisdiction over lands within Tribal Nations and Communities as defined by federal law.

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety recognizes that the federal government has the primary responsibility for assisting Tribes to regulate and manage the environment within Tribal Nations and Communities.



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OBJECTIVES:

1. GOHS staff will not conduct any activities within the Tribal lands without first receiving an invitation from the appropriate Tribal Official.
2. GOHS will designate a Tribal Liaison.
3. GOHS staff will relay Tribal communications of complaints, issues, or concern to the appropriate staff as quickly as possible.
4. Upon acceptance of a grant issued by GOHS, the tribe consents and agrees to a limited waiver of its sovereign immunity from suit.

RESPONSIBILITY:

In good faith, the Director of GOHS, in his/her official capacity, or through his/her designee (s), shall endeavor to implement the terms of this policy.

Responsibility for the enforcement of this policy lies with the Director.

APPROVED BY:

Governor's Office of Highway Safety

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