20TH ANNUAL INDIAN NATIONS AND TRIBES LEGISLATIVE DAY

Hosted by the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs

ARIZONA STATE CAPITOL

Tuesday, January 20th, 2015

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ARIZONA STATE CAPITOL – TUESDAY, JANUARY 20th, 2015

AGENDA

8:30 – 1:00 **Registration and Exhibitor Fair**

10:30 – 12:00 **Joint Protocol Session – Senate**

- Posting of Colors – American Legion Post 60
- Pledge of Allegiance – Ms. Shasta Dazen, Miss Indian Arizona
- Invocation – Councilman Ricardo Leonard, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
- Opening Remarks
  - Senator Andy Biggs, Senate President
  - Representative David Gowan, Speaker of the House
- Featured Speakers
  - Chairwoman Sherry Counts, Hualapai Nation
  - Chairman Herman Honanie, Hopi Tribe
  - Chairman Thomas Beauty, Yavapai Apache Nation

12:00 – 1:00 **Luncheon – Senate Lawn**

1:30 – 3:30 **Information Session: Culturally Sensitive Suicide Prevention for Youth**
Capitol Museum, Old Senate Room (3rd Floor)
Moderator: Kelli Donley, Arizona Department of Health Services
Panelists:
Ms. Novalene Goklish – White Mountain Apache Tribe
Ms. Jacque Gencarelle – Health Choice Integrated Care
Mr. Shawn Nau –Health Choice Integrated Care
Mr. Jon T. Perez, PhD USPHS Regional Administrator, HHS Region IX
Ms. Debbie Manuel Morning Star Leadership Foundation
Ms. Petrice Post Suicide Prevention Resource Center
Ms. Rosemarie Suttle – White Mountain Apache Tribe

1:30 – 3:30 **Native Youth Know Forum** (Location: Senate Lawn)
Presenter: Waylon Pahona, Healthy Active Natives
Facilitator: Jacob Moore, Arizona State University

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December 29, 2014

Dear Participants of the Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day,

Welcome to the State Capitol and *Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day*. It is truly an honor as President of the Arizona State Senate to host Tribal Day.

Each year we gather together as one community to build a stronger relationship between Arizona's Legislature and tribal communities. While today is important, so are the weeks and months ahead, as we discuss ideas to make this a better place to live and work.

The focus for the 2015 *Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day* is health and wellness. This is timely, since many changes are underway with regard to the delivery of health service. It is important for all of us to understand the collaboration between tribal entities and state agencies, so that citizens' needs are met. The emerging model is an integration of behavioral health and wellness programs. While there is a strong potential for efficiencies, I hope we would agree that it is important to ensure appropriate outcomes are measured and met.

Thank you for being a part of *Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day*, and I look forward to speaking with you on January 20.

Sincerely,

Andy Biggs
President of the Senate

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January 13, 2015

Dear Participants of Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day:

I want to personally welcome you to the Arizona Legislature and the 20th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day. I'm honored to have you here and want to thank each of you for the time and dedication you have committed to participate in this continued partnership.

Further building upon and committing to the relationship between the State of Arizona, the tribes, and the native people who reside and work here, is very important. Even though our state continues to recover from a very difficult economic time, I feel confident that by working together we will find solutions to the many challenges still facing us today. Your contributions to the economy and communities of Arizona are a big part of those solutions, and I welcome your valuable ideas and input.

Again, welcome to the Arizona Legislature. I sincerely thank you for all your hard work, dedication, and the time you took to travel here today.

God Bless,

DAVID M. GOWAN, SR.
Speaker of the House
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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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Thomas Beauty
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INFORMATION SESSION AND GUEST PANELISTS

Moderator: Kelli Donley, Arizona Department of Health Services

ABOUT: According to officials at the World Health Organization (WHO), more than 800,000 people die due to suicide annually; many more make an attempt. Suicide was the second leading cause of death among 15-29 year olds globally in 2012. It is a global phenomenon in all regions of the world and accounted for 1.4% of all deaths worldwide, making it the 15th leading cause of death in 2012. In Arizona, the latest data shows some 1100 Arizonans committed suicide in 2012. From 2009-2013, Arizona had more than 5,500 suicides, 2,000 homicides and another almost 900 undetermined deaths. Many of those undetermined deaths were ruled unintentional poisonings. Some 750 Arizonans died by taking too much of one medication in 2012.

Preventing suicide among Arizona's American Indians remains a top priority for the Arizona Department of Health Services. Panelists will discuss their efforts toward suicide prevention and take questions from the audience concerning culturally appropriate programming and care.

Petrice Post has been with Suicide Prevention Resource Center as a Senior Tribal Prevention Specialist since October 2008. In this role she collaboratively provides customized, tailored technical assistance to state and Tribal communities to build and enhance their capacity to implement effective suicide prevention programs. Petrice has been working in the field of Prevention since 1996. Petrice is a strong advocate of community mobilization/ development. In addition to her roles as organizer, consultant and teacher, she has knowledge and skill in program design and management, training and technical assistance and research and evaluation. She has spent most of her carrier working with diverse populations in rural and reservation communities on a broad range of issues, including mental health, substance abuse, family violence, suicide, community mobilization/development, family and consumer involvement and prevention. Ms. Post holds a M.A. in Applied Sociology with an emphasis is evaluation.

Shawn H. Nau, Chief Operating Officer, Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority.

INFORMATION SESSION AND GUEST PANELISTS (CONTINUED)

Novalene A. Goklish has worked as a behavioral interventionist for Johns Hopkins and the White Mountain Apache Tribe for over 17 years. She has worked on all behavioral intervention projects including teaching parenting skills to young Apache women who are pregnant and coping skills to Apache youth who made a recent suicide attempt. She oversees day-to-day activities of the Celebrating Life Staff, as well as facilitates local community advisory board meetings and Elders Council activities. She has been certified as an ASIST trainer and conducts regular ASIST trainings in her community. She also is the Center's primary liaison to the Tribal Council and Tribal Health Board.

Rosemarie Suttle is an enrolled member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and lives in Whiteriver, AZ. Rosemarie has been employed with The Johns Hopkins University Center for American Indian Health for eight years as a Research Assistant with the Celebrating Life Suicide Prevention program. Rosemarie works closely with various departments on the reservation to educate the community about suicide prevention. She conducts in-services, and community outreach with follow-up for individuals who have had a suicide incident (attempt, self-injurious behavior, binge drinking and ideations). Rosemarie is also trained to provide support for families who have lost a loved one to suicide (Survivors of Suicide).

Captain Jon T. Perez, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist with over 20 years of federal service ranging from direct care to policy and program management in the United States and abroad. He was commissioned in the U.S. Public Health Service in 1992, and over the last 20 years performed duties as varied as direct clinical work in small, isolated clinics, to directing behavioral health for the Indian Health Service. He now serves as Regional Administrator for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region IX. Dr. Perez is also well known for developing programs for international health diplomacy efforts and creating disaster response networks. He began his disaster relief work during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake and has been actively involved in developing and deploying disaster teams internationally since then. His special assignments include behavioral health commander during initial U.S. tsunami relief efforts aboard USNS Mercy in Banda Aceh, serving as the Senior Liaison Officer between coalition forces and the Afghanistan Ministry of Public Health, and leading multiple response teams for events from the Presidential Inauguration to remote crisis situations worldwide.

Jacque Gencarelle is currently working with the Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority (NARBHA) as the Prevention Program Manager. Her vision for the program is to provide a network of comprehensive substance abuse services and community-based efforts in northern Arizona to address the unique needs of the communities. By working with youth, adults and communities, NARBHA prevention programs can make environmental changes by using current data, proven strategies, and best practices that raise the awareness of the issues of substance abuse from a community level. Jacque is dedicated to bringing comprehensive trainings specific to building awareness of substance abuse prevention, health integration, and increase capacity within communities throughout northern Arizona. She is a certified trainer in the Department of Justice Drug Endangered Children Indian Country training, safeTALK trainer, ADHS/DBHS Cultural Competency, Alcohol 360 and Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training and other training topics relevant to Indian Country and beyond. Ms. Gencarelle is Navajo (Diné)/Chiricahua Apache, a Flagstaff native and mother of four.

Debbie Manuel – Executive Director, Morning Star Leadership Foundation

NATIVE YOUTH KNOW PROJECT AND FORUM

This year's event will focus on the health and wellness of native youth. Based on the results of our strategic planning session, the Commission of Indian Affairs should focus efforts to improve the quality of life by improving public safety within tribal communities. Public safety is a broad subject area in which some aspects are highly technical or simply beyond the jurisdiction of state law. There are others areas that seem to overlap and involve the distribution of public services such as behavioral health, substance abuse, and suicide prevention. Additional contributing factors that compromise public safety include domestic violence, gang activity, and truancy. Unfortunately, there are an overwhelming number of social issues that are having an adverse impact on youth which leads to poor decision-making thus influencing the overall safety of a tribal community.

During our last information session, many attendees voiced concerns on substance abuse, domestic violence and increasing rates of suicide. This year we would like to address those concerns by hosting two workshops one of which is specifically designed for youth and introduces the Native Youth Know (NYK) project.

The NYK project has been established by National Relief Charities (NRC) in partnership with the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs (ACIA) to engage the talent, intelligence and energy of Arizona's Native Youth. Through NYK, we seek to support creative youth-led projects that will have a positive impact on the public safety of tribal communities. We would like to support projects that involve prevention of and/or protection from events and issues that could endanger or harm the people in the community. Examples of public safety issues include drug use, trafficking, violence, harassment, littering, dangerous weather, and other quality of life issues.

Each youth participant will receive an incentive for learning about exhibiting organizations and participating during the interactive forum to talk about public safety challenges within their tribal communities and make recommendations for improvement. The forum concludes with presentations by the award recipients and their solutions to improve the quality of life in tribal communities.

The NYK project initiates a conversation to establish a long term commitment to achieve personal goals identified by native youth. Future activities will be formulated based on the youth discussion and recommendations.

MARK BRNOVICH
ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL

Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich welcomes you to the 20th Annual Indian Tribes and Nations Legislative Day at the Arizona Capitol!

Attorney General Brnovich is honored to be part of an event that pays tribute to the history and culture of the American Indian peoples.

A special thank you to the NRC and the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs for their hard work to establish the Native Youth Know program and their support of creative youth-led projects!

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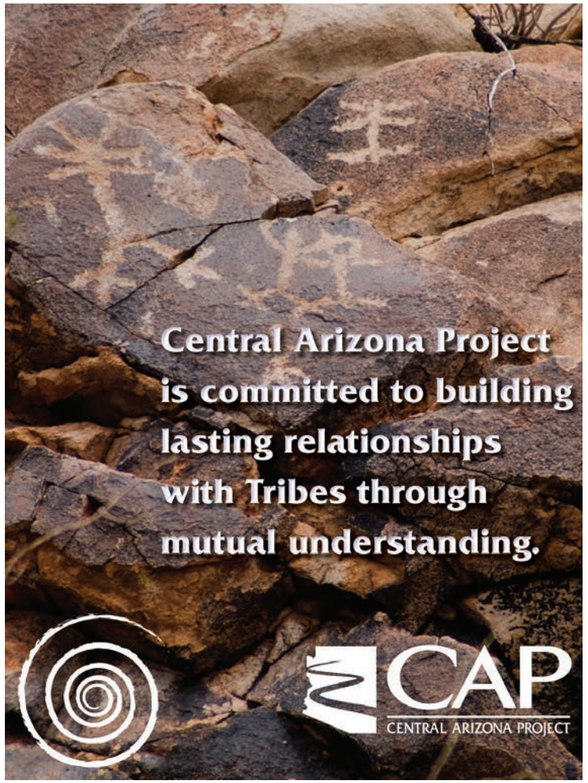

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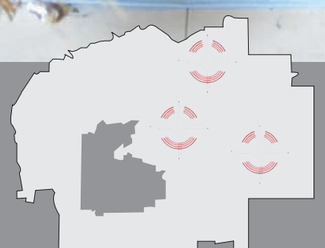

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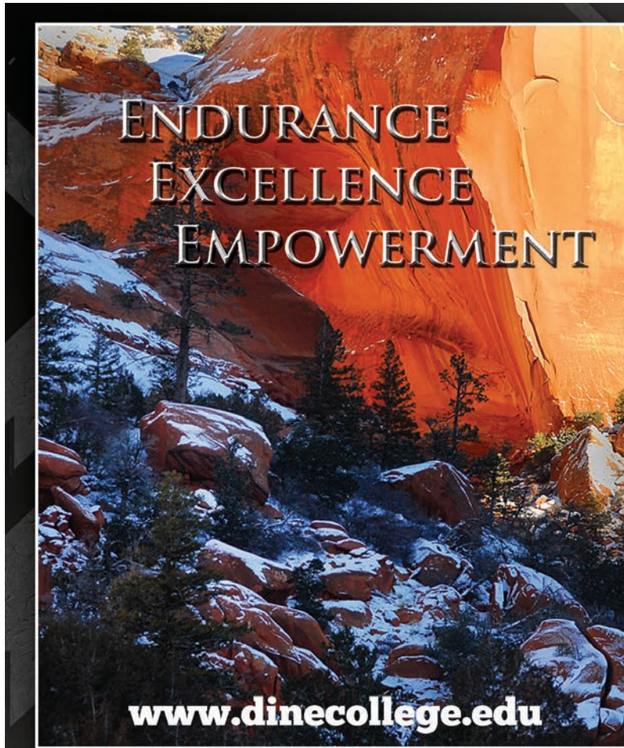

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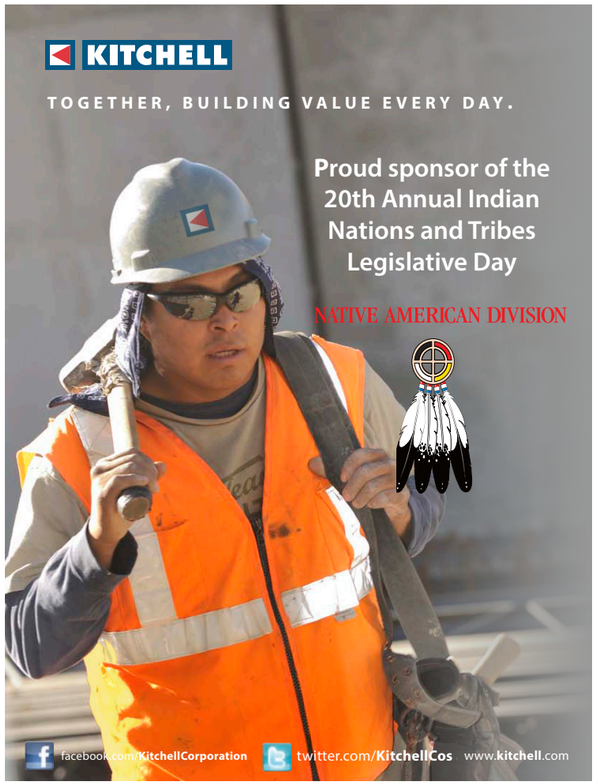

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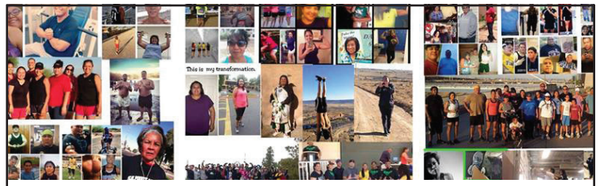

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Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-542, the Commission shall assist and support state and federal agencies in assisting Indians and tribal councils in this state to develop mutual goals, to design projects for achieving goals and to implement their plans.

The commission shall also:

1) Assemble and make available facts needed by tribal, state and federal agencies to work together effectively.
2) Assist this state in its responsibilities to Indians and tribes of this state by making recommendations to the governor and the legislature.
3) Confer and coordinate with officials and agencies of other governmental units and legislative committees regarding Indian needs and goals.
4) Work for greater understanding and improved relationships between Indians and non-Indians by creating an awareness of the legal, social and economic needs of Indians in this state.
5) Promote increased participation by Indians in local and state affairs.
6) Assist tribal groups in developing increasingly effective methods of self-government.
7) Assist urban Indians.

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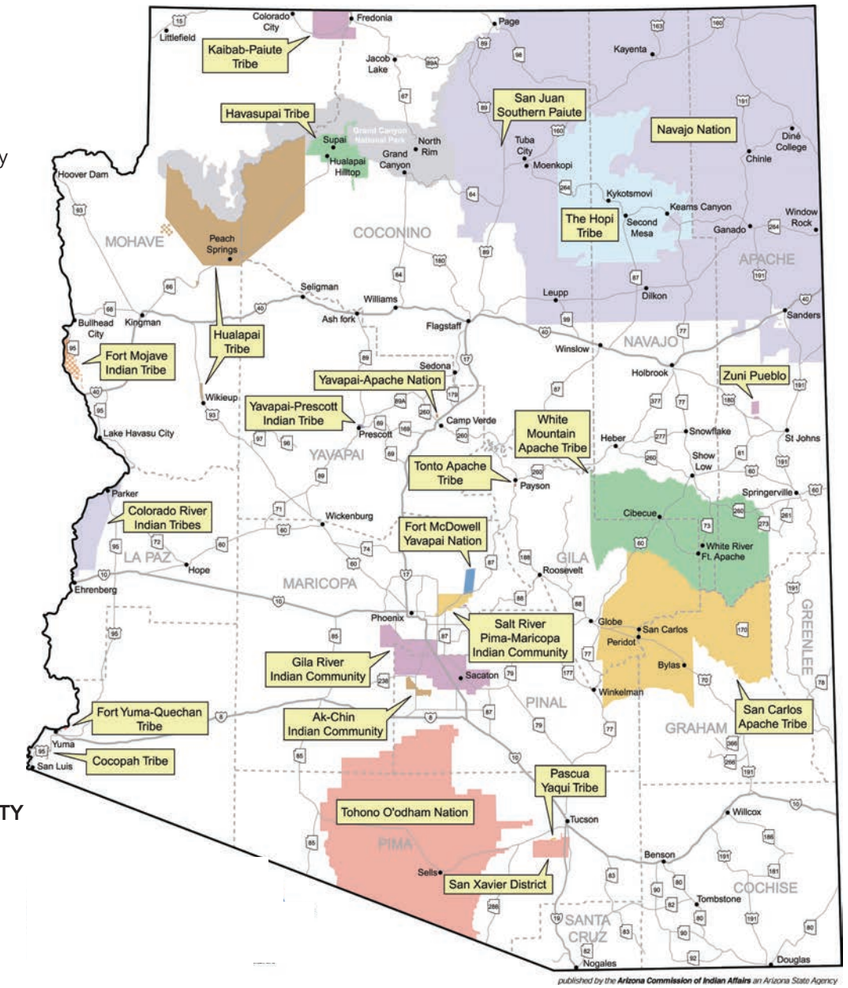

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