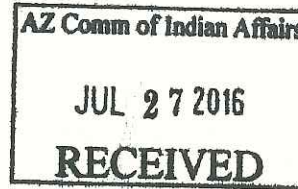




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The Honorable Doug Ducey
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Dear Governor Ducey:

ATTN: Kristine Fire Thunder, Policy Advisor on Tribal Affairs
Executive Director, Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs

When Janet Napolitano was Governor of Arizona, she issued an executive order regarding tribal relations with government agencies. In response to that order, the Arizona Department of Corrections ("ADC") developed Department Order ("DO") 921: Tribal Government Relations. That policy requires an annual report from the Tribal Relations Liaison describing all action undertaken within the previous year as a result of the implementation of the DO. Tribal Liaison responsibilities are currently a portion of the responsibilities of the office of the Administrator of Pastoral Activities. This report is submitted to comply with the aforementioned Department Order.

- ✓ Met with representatives of the Navajo Nation to discuss LGBTI concerns regarding incarcerated Native Americans in the Arizona Department of Corrections. ADC's continued approach to addressing issues and communicating with a Navajo Nation designated representative was communicated to Mr. Leonard Gorman of the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission.
- ✓ A Native American representative from our Correctional Officer ranks was assigned to assist the Administrator of Pastoral Activities when communicating with Native tribes.
- ✓ The ADC Director of Operations for Community Corrections attended a State, Tribal and Federal Community Supervision Summit in May of this year to explore improving community supervision practices of shared probation/parolees on and off Arizona reservations.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please advise.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Ryan
Director

cc: Andy Biggs, Senate President
David Gowan, Speaker of the House
Mike Linderman, Administrator of Pastoral Activities
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