

REN-19-043: Requesting the Trump Administration Provide an Exemption from the Federal Advisory Committee Reduction Executive Order Requirements and Engage in Meaningful Tribal Consultation

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Summary:

- Executive Order 13875 mandates federal agencies reduce federal advisory committees by September 30, 2019.
- Resolution REN-19-043 requests that tribal federal advisory committees be exempt from this mandatory reduction.
- Resolution REN-19-043 requests that tribal consultation occur *before* this order is applied to any tribal federal advisory committee.

Issue:

Executive Order (E.O.) 13875 requires federal agencies to review existing federal advisory committees formed under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and then make recommendations to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regarding continuing or terminating these advisory committees.

This order applies to committees formed by statute, by the President, and those formed by agencies.

The order further requires the elimination of one-third of all agency formed federal advisory committees and sets a cap of three hundred and fifty presidentially and agency formed federal advisory committees.

Action:

Resolution REN-19-043 takes the following three actions:

1. Calls on the Administration to exempt tribal federal advisory committees from application of E.O. 13875.
2. Calls on the Administration to engage in meaningful tribal consultation as required by E.O. 13175 before implementing the FACA reduction to tribal committees.
3. Calls on Congress to conduct oversight hearings on the impact of the reduction of FACA Committees on Indian Country.

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Resolution Action Plan: REN-19-043

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Action Plan:

- 30 Days:
 - Draft inter-tribal letter requesting exemption/consultation.
 - Assist with revisions and submit to OMB/agency leadership.
 - Update TTAC re: NCAI FACA response.
 - Work with coalition group to outline ideas/course of action.
- 60 Days:
 - Assist with request for Administration issued exemptions.
 - [Potential] If no Administrative action taken, request Congressional oversight hearing.
 - [Potential] Representative Tom Cole, Representative Paul Cook, and other sponsors request Administration exempt tribal committees.
- 90 Days:
 - Continue implementation of plan.
- 120 Days:
 - Continue implementation of plan.
 - Prepare activities update for NCAI Mid-Year Conference.