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Sunday, February 11		
10:00-5:00	<b>NCAI Executive Board Meeting</b>	Federal AB
Monday, February 12		
Time	Event	Room
7:30-5:00	<b>Registration and Rules and Credentials Open</b>	Upper Lobby
9:00-11:45	<b>State of Indian Nations</b> President Jefferson Keel of the National Congress of American Indians will deliver the annual State of Indian Nations Address. RSVP is required.	Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
9:00-Noon	<b>NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Native Women</b> The Violence Against Native Women Task Force serves as a unified tribal voice working to end violence against Native women. This meeting will focus on strategizing for reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act and other critical legislation.	Federal B
10:30-Noon	<b>State of Indian Nations Watch Party</b> Join watch parties around the country with other Executive Council Winter Session attendees.	Presidential Ballrooms
1:30-5:00	<b>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</b> <u><a href="#">Tribal Lands Workgroup</a></u> To maximize NCAI and tribal resources, build cohesiveness in the Land & Natural Resources Committee, and ensure broad participation, we recommend forming a general lands issues workgroup that will be composed of four subgroups to address each of the following issues: Part 151 Regulations, Infrastructure Permitting, Trust Asset Management Plans, and Restricted Fee Lands.	Senate

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	<p><b>Federal Recognition Task Force</b>            The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all tribes, both federally and non-federally recognized, on changes to the tribal acknowledgement process. This session will continue our work, particularly to discuss the recent enacted Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act.</p>	South American B
	<p><u><a href="#">Advancing Indian Country’s Farm Bill Priorities</a></u>            Join the Farm Bill Coalition leadership (NCAI, Inter-Tribal Agriculture Council, the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community) for a discussion about the far-reaching impacts of the Farm Bill and how you can be a part of the advocacy efforts to make sure Indian Country is included in this important piece of legislation.</p>	Congressional
3:00-6:00	<p><u><a href="#">NCAI Tribal TANF Task Force</a></u>            The NCAI Tribal TANF Task Force will discuss current Administrative and legislative initiatives impacting Tribal TANF nationally, with the goal of highlighting solutions and discovering best practices in order to overcome barriers to the delivery of programs. The Tribal TANF Task Force has consistently supported goals to increase tribes’ authority to administer their own family support and work readiness programs, and will continue to search for solutions to increase program efficiency.</p>	Ohio
5:00-9:00pm	<p><b>“Understanding the Crisis of Mission and Murdered Native Women” Reception, Panel Discussion, and “Wind River” Screening</b>            Panel discussion begins at 6:00pm to discuss Savanna’s Act and other key pieces of legislation aimed at addressing missing and murdered Native women and girls. Register here <u><a href="#">click here</a></u>.</p>	Capitol Visitor Center

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<b>Tuesday, February 13</b>		
Time	Event	Room
7:30-5:00	<b>Registration Open</b> <b>Rules and Credentials Open</b>	<b>Upper Lobby</b>
8:30-Noon	<b>1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly</b>	<b>Presidential Ballrooms</b>
	<b>Invocation</b>	
8:35	<b>Call to Order</b> Jefferson Keel, President, NCAI	
8:45	<b>President's Address</b> Jefferson Keel, President, NCAI	
9:00	<b>Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (NV)</b>	
9:15	<b>Senator Lisa Murkowski (AK)</b>	
9:30	<b>Executive Director's Address</b> Jacqueline Pata, Executive Director, NCAI	
9:45	<b>Congressman Jack Bergman (MI)</b>	
10:00	<b>Department of the Interior</b> Secretary Ryan Zinke, Department of the Interior	
10:30	<b>Department of Justice</b> Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein	
11:00	<b>Department of the Treasury</b> Treasurer Jovita Carranza, Department of the Treasury	
11:15	<b>Department of Housing and Urban Development</b> Secretary Ben Carson, Department of Housing and Urban Development	
11:30	<b>Tribal Leader Discussion</b>	

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<p>Noon-1:00</p>	<p><b>Advocacy 101</b>          Get the most out of your Congressional meetings by attending this annual training session for tribal leaders. Learn proven strategies on how to prepare for and have effective Congressional meetings.</p>	<p>Senate  <i>Closed to Press</i></p>
<p>1:30-4:00</p>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly</b></p>	<p><b>Presidential Ballrooms</b></p>
<p>1:40</p>	<p><b>Call to Order</b>          Aaron Payment, 1st Vice President, NCAI</p>	
<p>1:45</p>	<p><b>NCAI Update</b></p>	
<p>2:00</p>	<p><b>Congressman Darrell Issa (CA)</b></p>	
<p>2:15</p>	<p><b>Congressman Don Young (AK)</b></p>	
<p>2:30</p>	<p><b>Congressman Steve Pearce (NM)</b></p>	
<p>2:45</p>	<p><b>Congressman Raúl Grijalva (AZ)</b></p>	
<p>3:00</p>	<p><b>House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (CA)</b></p>	
<p>3:15</p>	<p><b>Congresswoman Norma Torres (CA)</b></p>	
<p>3:30</p>	<p><b>Champion for Change Recognition</b>          Byron Dorgan, Former US Senator, Founder of Center for Native American Youth</p>	
<p>3:30</p>	<p><b>Tribal Leader Discussion</b></p>	
<p>4:00-5:30</p>	<p><b>HUD Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program Tribal Consultation</b>          HUD has prioritized developing regulations for the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program (Section 184). As HUD begins the regulation drafting process, it is seeking to consult with tribal leaders in accordance with the HUD Government-to-Government Consultation Policy. In this listening session, HUD will provide a brief overview of the Section 184 program and the need</p>	<p>South American B</p>

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	<p>for expanded/updated regulations. Then participants will have the opportunity to discuss the program and share their thoughts on what should be included or excluded from the new regulations. Participants are encouraged to share their successes and challenges with the Section 184 program and discuss how their experiences can contribute to the new regulation.</p>	
7:00-9:30	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Annual NCAI Leadership Awards Banquet</b>	<b>Presidential Ballrooms</b> <i>Tickets are available to purchase with registration.</i>



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<b>Wednesday, February 14</b>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
8:30-Noon	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly</b>	<b>Presidential Ballrooms</b>
	<b>Call to Order</b> Juana Majel-Dixon, Secretary, NCAI	
8:40	<b>Issue Update</b>	
8:45	<b>Senator Heidi Heitkamp (ND)</b>	
9:00	<b>Congressman Tom O’Halloran (AZ)</b>	
9:15	<b>Senator Jeff Merkley (OR)</b>	
9:30	<b>Veterans Affairs</b> Secretary David Shulkin, Department of Veteran Affairs	
9:45	<b>National Chief Perry Bellegarde, Assembly of First Nations</b>	
10:00	<b>Congressman Derek Kilmer (WA)</b>	
10:15	<b>Tom Perez, Chairman, Democratic National Committee</b>	
10:30	<b>Justin Buller, Associate Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Army</b>	
10:45	<b>Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN)</b>	
11:00	<b>Senator John Hoeven (ND)</b>	
11:15	<b>Supreme Court Update</b>	
11:30	<b>Congressman Frank Pallone (NJ)</b>	
11:45	<b>Native Vote 2018</b>	
12:00	<b>Tribal Leader Discussion</b>	
12:30	<b>Adjourn</b>	

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1:30-5:00	<b>Concurrent Sessions/Hill Visits</b>	
1:30-5:00	<p><b>Confronting the Opioid Epidemic: Legislative, Legal, and Tribal Strategies</b>            The opioid epidemic is plaguing Native Americans at a greater rate than other groups. Seeking to gain control of this situation, several tribal nations have issued emergency declarations in their communities. Other tribes are confronting this epidemic through legal channels. Congress and the Administration have also been active in trying to find a solution. More than 20 hearings and roundtables have been held within the last year and the President has declared this crisis a public health emergency. Some of the preliminary priorities for Indian Country in this discussion include: direct access to funding, inclusion of tribal representatives on task forces/workgroups, and greater coordination and collaboration among agencies and tribes. Please join us as we will explore the latest developments on the tribal, legislative, and legal fronts.</p> <p><b>Tribal Transportation, Transit and Highway Safety Priorities</b>            Join tribal official and tribal transportation program officials for a discussion concerning tribal transportation infrastructure, transit and highway safety issues, including the prospects for tribal provisions in an infrastructure measure Congress may introduce in response to President’s call for an infrastructure package, the Department of Transportation’s Self-Governance rulemaking, the Tribal Transportation Unity Coalition (TTUC) discussion draft, and issues from the Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee.</p>	<p>Congressional</p> <p>Federal B</p>
6:30-8:30	<b>Capitol Hill Reception</b>	<b>National Museum of American Indian</b>

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8:00-5:00	<b>Congressional Hill Visits</b>	
9:00-Noon	<b>Listening Session: Fee-to-Trust Regulations</b> The Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs would like to hear from Tribal members on the 10 questions in the Dec. 6, 2017, letter to Tribes about potential revisions to the fee-to-trust regulations. For more information please contact Elizabeth Appel at <a href="mailto:elizabeth.appel@bia.gov">elizabeth.appel@bia.gov</a> .	Ohio
9:00-Noon	<b>Listening Session with Federal Agencies on Protection of Indigenous Traditional Knowledge, Cultural Expressions, and Genetic Resources</b> The World Intellectual Property Organization, an agency of the United Nations, is considering the adoption of an agreement among Member States to protect the traditional cultural expressions, traditional knowledge, and genetic resources of Indigenous peoples. This session will provide an opportunity for tribal leaders to meet with the federal agency representatives who will be participating in these negotiations on behalf of the United States.	California
9:30-Noon	<a href="#"><u>Department of Justice Tribal Consultation</u></a> The Tribal Consultation is part of a series of events to receive tribal comments on DOJ's seven percent tribal set-aside funding, as authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Public Law 115-31).  <a href="#"><u>Tribal Consultation on Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019 Tribal Funding Policy</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Background on the Department of Justice's Tribal Funding History, including the CTAS</u></a>	Federal A
9:30-5:00	<b>Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Tribal Leader Consultation Working Group</b> In 2015, Tribal Leaders requested to consult with	USDA

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10:00-Noon	<p>USDA on the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation’s (FDPIR) administration as part of an on-going consultation. Since then, USDA leadership has joined Tribal Leaders two to three times per year to convene an FDPIR Tribal Leaders Consultation Working Group. This consultation, hosted at USDA headquarters, will continue to build on feedback from Tribal Leaders in the December 2017 consultation. USDA requests Tribal Leaders RSVP by February 8th or for more information email <a href="mailto:Tribal.Relations@osec.usda.gov">Tribal.Relations@osec.usda.gov</a> to ensure room availability.</p> <p><a href="#">Tribal Leader Invitation to Consultation</a>  <a href="#">FDPIR Consultation Report Out</a></p> <p><b>National Indian Gaming Commission Consultation</b>            The NIGC continues to advance its core initiatives of staying ahead of the technology curve, protecting against anything that amounts to gamesmanship on the backs of tribes, promoting rural outreach, and creating a strong workforce. Therefore, the consultations will focus on: (1) Proposed changes to Management Contract process; (2) Audit Submissions; and (3) Management and Sole Proprietary Definition.</p> <p><a href="#">Tribal Leader Letter</a>  <a href="#">Consultation Session Announcement</a></p>	Federal B

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**OTHER MEETINGS & EVENTS IN WASHINGTON, DC (NOT HOSTED BY NCAI)**

Date & Time	Event	Location
<b>Monday, Feb 12</b>		
2:00pm	<a href="#"><u>Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Listening Session on "Addressing Gaps in Protections and Services for Native Women"</u></a>	Hart Senate Office Building, Room 216
<b>Tuesday, Feb 13</b>		
Noon-1:00pm	<b>National Indian Women Honor Luncheon</b> The National Indian Women "Supporting Each Other" has been honoring Native Women Leaders over the past 22 years! This honor has been provided for their leadership at the local, regional & national level. To RSVP and for more information, please contact Julie Johnson at <a href="mailto:juliej2012@gmail.com">juliej2012@gmail.com</a> .	Federal A & B
1:30-4:00pm	<b>Discussion of Patent Law and Sovereign Immunity with House Subcommittee on Intellectual Property</b> The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe recently asserted sovereign immunity in a pending action before the U.S. Patent Trial and Appeal Board. There has been considerable press coverage and reaction by members of Congress. This session is an opportunity for tribal leaders to discuss with staff from the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, as Congress considers possible legislation to address assertions of sovereign immunity by tribes and states in patent proceedings.	California
4:00-6:00pm	<b>Screening and Panel Discussion of "Tribal Justice"</b> "Tribal Justice" an award winning documentary, follows two tribal judges applying traditional forms of restorative justice in their courtrooms: Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge of the Yurok Tribe, and Claudette White, Chief Judge of the Quechan Tribe. The film shows the power of tribal-based courts.	Pan American
5:00-7:00pm	<b>Center for Native American Youth Reception</b> Join Senator Byron Dorgan (ret.) and distinguished guests for a reception to celebrate CNAY's seventh anniversary to honor Native American youth and the	Federal A & B

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	<p>2018 class of Champions for Change. We hope you can join this annual celebration of our work together to support our future native leaders. Contact Nikki Pitre for more information at <a href="mailto:nikki.pitre@aspeninstitute.org">nikki.pitre@aspeninstitute.org</a>.</p>	
<b>Wednesday, Feb 14</b>		
1:00-5:00pm	<p><b>National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (NAFDPIR) Board and Tribal Leader Meeting - Closed to Public*</b>            * If you are a Tribal Leader and wish to attend, please contact: Erin Parker, Research Director and Staff Attorney, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, at <a href="mailto:eshirl@uark.edu">eshirl@uark.edu</a>.</p>	Senate Room
2:30pm	<p><b>Oversight Hearing on “Making Indian Country Count: Native Americans and the 2020 Census”</b></p>	Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 628
5:00-6:30pm	<p><b>Hobbs, Straus, Dean &amp; Walker, LLP Reception</b>            Memorial Celebration to honor the lives and legacies of: Charles Hobbs, Bobo Dean and Hans Walker, Jr. For more information, please contact Robin Branthover at <a href="mailto:RBranthover@hobbsstraus.com">RBranthover@hobbsstraus.com</a>.</p>	South American B
<b>Thursday, Feb 15</b>		
9:00am-Noon	<p><b>Native American CDFI Assistance Program Session</b>            The CDFI Fund will be hosting an off-site session for certified or emerging Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), and Tribal organizations interested in creating a CDFI, at its Washington, DC headquarters location. CDFI Fund staff will be on hand to provide an overview of the Native American CDFI Assistance Program and how Native CDFIs and Tribal organizations can participate. Session registration information will be available in the coming weeks. To attend, go to: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W7VMCSY">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W7VMCSY</a>.</p>	1801 L. Street NW CDFI Fund

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