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Saturday, October 20

1:00 – 5:00 **NCAI Executive Board Meeting**
Room Mineral DEFG

Sunday, October 21

8:30 – 4:00 **Violence Against Women Task Force**
Room Mineral Hall F
The Violence Against Women Task Force serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against Native women.

9:00 – 5:00 **Task Force/Work Group Meetings**

9:00 – 12:00 **Morning Meetings**

Tribal TANF Task Force
Room Mineral Hall B

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 identify solutions to increase program efficiency.

Two Spirit Task Force
Room Mineral Hall A

The role of NCAI's Two Spirit Task Force is to assist in the coordination, collaboration, and outreach to Indian Country on Two Spirit issues and to develop and share approaches and solutions to policy issues that affect Two Spirit/LGBTQ community members in a manner consistent with Indian self-determination.

1:00 – 5:00 **Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**
Capitol Foyer

3:00 – 5:00 **Marketplace Exhibitors Check In**
Centennial Foyer

1:00 – 4:00 **Afternoon Meetings**

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Federal Recognition Caucus

Room Mineral Hall D/E

The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all tribes, both federally and non-federally recognized, on changes in the tribal acknowledgement process.

Large Land Base Tribal Nations Task Force

Room Mineral Hall B

The purpose of the Large Land Base Tribal Nations Task Force is to strengthen the ability of NCAI to advocate for the unique issues of the large land base tribes and to foster unity and cooperation among all tribes to preserve tribal sovereignty, lands, culture, and quality of life for all. The Task Force will govern its own proceedings consistent with this purpose.

NCAI Native Languages Task Force

Room Mineral Hall A

Developments in Native languages have taken place on the tribal, state, and federal policy level. Tribes are taking innovative approaches to revitalizing their languages, and states are adopting Native languages as official state languages. This is an open session of the Native Languages Task Force to discuss Native American language protection from tribal leaders' perspectives.

Addiction Task Force – Strengthening our Nations Roundtable

Room Agate ABC

The Strengthening our Nations Roundtable is an opportunity to sit hand-in-hand with other tribal leaders who are taking a stand against addiction in their communities. This conversational session is a chance to share and hear about the efforts that tribal nations are making to heal their citizens and communities that have been impacted by addiction. This session will include topics such as data collection, reducing the stigma related to addiction, and prevention and treatment through culture.

The Tribal Border Caucus

Room Mineral Hall C

Tribal crossings of the U.S.-Canada or U.S.-Mexico borders for traditional, cultural or religious purposes has been a paramount concern for tribes split by the invisible lines that divide their homelands and relatives. The Tribal Border Caucus invites all northern and southern border tribes to provide updates and discuss ongoing issues such as travel visas, treaty rights, and searches of tribal regalia or items. The Caucus will also include drafting the priority document for the January 2019 Tribal Border Summit. We hope you will join this important discussion and we look forward to hearing from you.

4:00 – 5:30

Youth Meet and Greet

Room Granite A/B

Emerging leaders are invited to come get to know Native youth from across Indian Country! Food and fun for all that attend.

5:00 – 6:00

NCAI Committee and Subcommittee Chairs Meeting with Resolutions Committee

Room Mineral Hall C

NCAI requests all committee and subcommittee chairs attend this important meeting.

6:00-8:00

United League of Indigenous Nations Ceremony

Room Capitol Ballroom 1

The United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty was developed by NCAI's Special Committee on Indigenous Nation Relationships in 2007. The Treaty establishes an international political and economic alliance to advance the common interests of indigenous nations on several issues, including: climate change, trade and commerce, cultural properties, and human rights.

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Monday, October 22

7:00 – 8:00 **Native Prayer Sunrise Gathering**
First Floor Lobby
This event is a casual gathering. Attendees will hear encouraging stories of faith and strengthen relationships. A water ceremony also will take place.

8:00 – 9:00 **Youth: Morning Gathering**
Room Granite A/B

7:30 – 5:00	Registration/Rules & Credentials <i>Capitol Foyer</i> Open for duration of the Convention
7:30 – 5:00	Resolutions Office <i>Room Granite C</i> Open for duration of the Convention
9:00 – 4:00	Elders' Lounge <i>Centennial Foyer</i> Open for duration of the Convention

8:00 – 11:00 **Tribal Lands Working Group**
Room Mineral Hall C
The Tribal Lands Working Group will host its third meeting to further discuss fee to trust issues, permitting and environmental review issues, and other issues involving tribal land.

Speakers:

Jody Cummings, Partner, Steptoe and Johnson

V. Heather Sibbison, Partner, Dentons

Heather Kendall-Miller, Senior Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

Shannon Holsey, President, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans

Larry Wright, Jr., Chairman, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

Cris Stainbrook, Director, Indian Land Tenure Foundation

9:00 – Noon **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

Economic Success and Tribal Employment Laws

Room Mineral Hall G

Tribal governments are rapidly becoming much larger employers, often the largest employer in their regions. This session will focus on how tribal leaders can improve the bottom line and advance tribal sovereignty by updating their employment laws and practices. Recruiting and

retaining great employees is critical to economic success, and demonstrated commitment to protecting employees safety and rights is important for advancing initiatives such as the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act.

Moderator: W. Ron Allen, NCAI Treasurer and Chairman Jamestown S'Klallam

Speakers:

Bill Anoatubby, Governor, Chickasaw Nation

Kaighn Smith, author of *Labor and Employment in Indian Country*, and Attorney at Drummond Woodsum

Resources and Tools for Tribes to Build Systems of Support for Native Youth

Room Capitol Ballroom 3

NCAI is partnering with NIEA, NICWA and NIHB on the First Kids 1st initiative, which is focused on tribes building systems of support for Native youth to thrive. During this session, the FK1st partners will share resources and tools to help tribes determine their community assets, identify systems of support for improvement, and understand the data indicators available to track outcomes over time.

Speakers:

Sarah Kastelic, Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association

Ahniwake Rose, Executive Director, National Indian Education Association

Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Policy Research Center, National Congress of American Indians

Stacy Bohlen, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board

Wendee Gardner, Native Youth Engagement Manager, National Indian Health Board

David Simmons, Director of Government Affairs and Advocacy, National Indian Child Welfare Association

Brian Barlow, Co-President, NCAI Youth Commission

Developing Homeland Security in Indian Country: From Border Crossings to Cyber Attacks and Everything in Between

Room Agate ABC

The U.S. Government's Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is responsible for assuring that all Americans are safe. Yet efforts to partner with tribes to provide security in Indian Country have been woefully underfunded by Congress, leaving tribal nations and their citizens vulnerable to various attacks and disasters. This breakout will focus on examining the status of tribal affairs efforts within DHS, and a discussion with DHS officials and staff on where DHS should be going. This breakout will also address man made homeland security issues such as international border crossing; tribal government identification cards; known traveler programs and air travel; active shooters; cyber security; trainings and technical assistance; and NCAI's focus on a sustainable general assistance program for tribal homeland security and disaster resilience programs.

Speakers:

Alaina Clark, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Homeland Security

Jeffrey R. Jack, Veterans Employment Program Manager, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security

Marie Trottier, Multicultural Branch, Tribal Affairs Liaison, Transportation Security Administration

Christopher Coleman, Government Facilities Sector Program Manager, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Federal Protective Service

Robin Beatty, Office of Emergency Communications, Tribal Liaison, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Office of Emergency Communications

Andrew A. Sloan, Acting Director, Mission Integration and Outreach, Homeland Security Information Network, Office of the Chief Information Officer

Peter L. Rosenstock, Branch Chief, Division 1, Field Operations Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

David Munro, Director of Tribal Affairs, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Homeland Security

Tools to Strengthen Tribal Academic Research Partnerships

Room Mineral Hall D/E

This workshop will be an interactive session that will feature content from a new Holding Space toolkit designed to strengthen tribal academic research partnerships and will feature the new Tribal Research Future Game that will engage attendees with strategic and challenging scenarios in tribal academic research partnerships. Attendees will learn how governance, trust and culture are important pillars of successful tribal academic research partnerships.

Speakers:

Julie E. Lucero, PhD MPH, Assistant Professor, School of Community Health Sciences, University of Nevada, Reno

Amber D. Emerson, MPH, Project Coordinator, School of Community Health Sciences, University of Nevada Reno

Yvette Roubideaux, MD MPH, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center, National Congress of American Indians

Consultation with Federal Agencies on Protection of Indigenous Traditional Knowledge, Cultural Expressions, and Genetic Resources*

Room Capitol Ballroom 2

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.

SAMHSA Tribal Opioid Response Grant Consultation Session*

Room Mineral Hall F

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will hold a Tribal Consultation Session on the Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) grant program. SAMHSA's fiscal

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year (FY) 2018 appropriations included a \$50 M set-aside for the TOR program which supplements current activities to reduce the impact of opioids and increase access to culturally-appropriate and evidence-based treatment. Tribal leaders provided input into the content of the FY 2018 TOR funding announcement and the first awards were made on September 25, 2018. The Tribal Consultation Session reflects SAMHSA’s commitment to obtaining input that can improve the program. The TOR program represents the first time that SAMHSA has awarded grants to tribal entities non-competitively.

11:00 – 1:00 **Department of the Interior (DOI) Recreation Session***
Room Mineral Hall C
 DOI discussion session with tribal leaders to talk about increasing recreational opportunities in Indian country with deliberate and active coordination of the Secretary's recreational policy.

Noon – 1:00 **NCAI New Member Orientation**
Room Mineral Hall A
 All members and officers are invited to this welcome session for new members of NCAI and a briefing on membership, committees, voting, and process. This is an opportunity to learn more about NCAI meeting policy and procedures.

Presenters:
 Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI
 Robert Holden, Former Deputy Director, NCAI
 Edward K. Thomas, Parliamentarian, NCAI
 Juanita Ahtone, Chair, Resolutions Committee, NCAI
 Yvonne Oberly, Chair, Rules and Credentials, NCAI

Noon – 1:00 **Marketplace Grand Opening Celebration**
Centennial Ballroom E/F
 Come help kick off the opening of the marketplace with light food, prizes, and special entertainment.

1:30 – 4:00	First General Assembly	<i>Centennial Ballroom A/B</i>
1:30	Call to Order Jefferson Keel, President, NCAI Honor Guard Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Color Guard Drum Group Invocation Crawford White, Northern Arapaho Welcome	

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2:10	Welcome from Local Officials John Hickenlooper, Governor, Colorado Michael B. Hancock, Mayor, Denver, Colorado
2:30	Rules of the Convention Yvonne Oberly, Chair, NCAI Rules and Credentials Committee
	Resolutions Process Juanita Ahtone, Chair, NCAI Resolutions Committee
2:40	President's Address Jefferson Keel, President, NCAI
2:55	Executive Director's Report Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI
3:10	Department of the Interior Update Ryan Zinke, Secretary, Department of the Interior Tara McLean Sweeney, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior
3:30	FEMA Update William B. "Brock" Long, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency
3:45	Tribal Leader Discussion

4:15 – 6:00 **Committee Meetings**

Economic, Finance & Community Development - *Room Mineral Hall D/E*

Human Resources - *Room Agate A/B/C*

Land & Natural Resources – *Room Mineral Hall B/C*

Litigation & Governance - *Room Mineral Hall F/G*

Veterans - *Room Mineral Hall A*

5:00 – 6:00	Youth: End of the Day Wrap Up <i>Room Granite A/B</i> Youth attendees please join us to share what your day was like, learn about opportunities and mingle with other youth attendees.
6:30 – 8:30	Welcome Reception <i>Capitol Ballroom</i> Time to visit with old friends and new! Come join the fun and help kick off the 75 th Annual Convention in a good way.

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Tuesday, October 23

7:15 – 8:15 **Regional Caucus Meetings**

Alaska Area – *Room Capitol 1*

Eastern Oklahoma Area – *Room Mineral A*

Great Plains Area – *Room Capitol 2*

Midwest Area – *Room Agate A/B/C*

Northeast Area – *Room Capitol 5*

Northwest Area – *Room Mineral C*

Pacific Area – *Room Mineral D*

Rocky Mountain Area – *Room Capitol 3*

Southeast Area – *Room Mineral G*

Southern Plains Area – *Room Mineral B*

Southwest Area – *Room Mineral F*

Western Area – *Room Mineral E*

8:00 – 8:30

Youth: Morning Gathering

Room Granite A/B

8:30 – 12:00

Second General Assembly

Centennial Ballroom A/B

8:30

Call to Order

Aaron Payment, First Vice President, NCAI

Invocation

Rev. Darryl Hogan, Mohave

Announcements

8:40

Special Announcements

Honoring our Past, Shaping our Future

8:50

Honoring our Past

Charles Trimble, former Executive Director, NCAI

9:20

Protecting our Future

There are many critical issues that are threatening Indian Country that we need to come together to fight.

Protecting Our Children: ICWA

Sarah Kastelic, Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association

Protecting Our Land: Land Into Trust

Lawrence Roberts, Counsel, Kilpatrick Townsend Representative, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Protecting Our Sovereignty: Political vs. Racial Classification

10:50

Words Matter

Crystal Echohawk, Reclaiming Native Truth and Echohawk Consulting

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11:05 **Protecting Our Sovereignty – Educating America**
Kevin Gover, Director, Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian

11:30 **Tribal Leader Discussion**

12:00 – 1:00 **Youth Honoring Luncheon**
Room Capitol Ballroom 5/6
NCAI Youth Leadership Awards presented by Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association.
Tickets are available for purchase.

12:00 – 1:00 **BIA and BIE Budget Tribal Listening Session***
Room Capitol Ballroom 3
The Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs will lead this Tribal listening session to discuss its updates to BIE's and BIA's respective budgets.

12:00 – 1:00 **Fee To Trust & Indian Energy Tribal Listening Session***
Room Mineral D/E
The Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs will lead this Tribal listening session to discuss energy development and fee-to-trust.

1:30 – 4:00 Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Messaging Matters – Reclaiming Native Truth
Room Mineral F

The Reclaiming Native Truth project carried out an unprecedented research campaign designed to increase our understanding of the dominant narrative about Native Americans in the United States. The research included literature reviews and environmental scans, focus groups with a variety of populations across the country, countless interviews with a range of audiences, a deep-dive social listening exploration, and more. This research campaign has greatly increased our understanding of what the public thinks of us. This session will take a closer look into what was learned during Reclaiming Native Truth research and how we can change the narrative for Indian Country so that it better serves our communities and communicates the important work we are doing to a variety of audiences including the general public, policy partners, and tribal members.

Speaker:

Crystal Echohawk, Reclaiming Native Truth and Echohawk Consulting

Building Sustainable Tribal Economies: Components of Strategic Design

Room Agate ABC

This session will train the focus of tribal leaders and key decision-makers on the foundational components necessary to strategically build an integrated, sustainable, tribal economy: purpose,

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values, place, environment, institutions, capacity, resources, integration, and growth. Centered on the task of “seeding economic prosperity,” it will explore critical questions that tribal leaders and key decision-makers must ask of themselves, their governments, tribal employees, tribal citizens, and their current tribal economic development efforts in order to craft economy-building approaches capable of achieving their long-term, nation-building goals.

Moderator: Ian Record, Director, Partnership for Tribal Governance, NCAI

Panelists:

Stephanie Gutierrez, Co-Founder, Hope Nation

Wizipan Little Elk, CEO, Rosebud Economic Development Corporation (REDCO)

Robert Miller, Professor, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

Patricia Riggs, Governor’s Office Special Projects Coordinator, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo

Pamela Standing, Project Director, Minnesota Indian Business Alliance

Indian Country Emergency Preparedness and Response: Navigating Pre Disaster Technical Assistance and Post Disaster Pitfalls

Room Mineral G

For many tribes access to disaster preparedness tools and trainings are essential in assuring that lives are saved and cultural sites are protected in the face of disasters. However, after the disasters have passed a minefield of federal regulations and requirements await tribal governments who now seek to be reimbursed for their emergency expenses or general aid. In this break out session both tribal and federal Emergency Management and Technical Assistance personnel will share their experience in preparing for disasters and how to avoid the pitfalls in post disaster recovery.

Speakers:

Steve Golubic, Tribal Liaison, Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education, LSU National Center for Biomedical Research and Training

David Hall, Resident Training, West Region and Tribal Nations Training Coordinator, Federal Emergency Management Agency

Brian Ridley, Chief Financial Officer, Tanana Chief’s Conference

Nelson Andrews, Jr., Emergency Management Director, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Paul Downing, Emergency Manager, Passamaquoddy Tribe, and FEMA National Advisory Council, member

Taking Action Against Addiction: Ensuring Justice, Security, and Wellness for Tribal Citizens

Room Mineral Hall C

Successfully combatting the Opioid Crisis requires a multi-faceted approach. Tribal nations are using many approaches to address the impacts of opioids in their communities. Come hear from tribal leaders and officials who are taking action against the epidemic through innovative and efficient public safety methods. Additionally, tribal nations have joined the national opioids litigation efforts in response to the opioid crisis. This session will prepare tribal leaders with the tools to create effective public safety solutions for their communities and for potential outcomes of the ongoing opioids litigation.

Moderator: W. Ron Allen, Chairman, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

Speakers:

Lloyd Miller, Partner, Sonosky

Autumn Monteau, Of Counsel, Skikos

Todd Gates, President, Seneca Nation of Indians

Nikki Borchardt-Campbell, Executive Director, National American Indian Court Judges Association

Better Schools and School Systems

Room Capitol 3

The health of tribal nations depends on successfully educating our students. When tribes are involved in their local education systems, success is seen. This session will discuss a range of education issues from school leadership and retention issues to BIE negotiated rule making, giving tribal leaders the overview they need to make the policy decisions for their nation.

Speakers:

Tony Dearman, Director, Bureau of Indian Education

Dr. Alberto Siqueiros, Executive Director of Education, Tohono O’odham

Dr. Edna Morris, Superintendent, Baboquivari Unified School District

Aaron Payment, Chairman, Sault Ste Marie

Nicole Bowman, President and Founder, Bowman Performance Consulting

Ahniwake Rose, Executive Director, National Indian Education Association

Understanding Water Policy and How to Engage

Room Capitol Ballroom 2

This session will address current water issues, including water and environmental concerns, current legislative priorities with respect to water settlements and infrastructure projects, and other water related issues.

Speakers:

Heather Whiteman Runs Him, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

Michael Connor, Partner, WilmerHale

Ryan Smith, Shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

Ken Norton, Chair, National Tribal Water Council

Marijuana Legalization and the Changing Landscape of Federal, State and Tribal Laws

Room Mineral Hall D/E

Thirty states now have laws legalizing marijuana in some form. Eight states, including Colorado, Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska and Nevada have adopted the most expansive laws legalizing marijuana for recreational use. There are 403 federally recognized Indian tribes in those states. Medical, hemp, decriminalization, new legislation in the works: there is a wave of marijuana policy change coming towards Indian country. While visiting the first state to legalize, this breakout will offer an opportunity to discuss developments in marijuana policy and learn from the states and tribes who have already experienced the change.

Moderator: Leonard Forsman, Chairman, Suquamish Tribe

Speakers:

Rion J. Ramirez, General Counsel, Port Madison Enterprises

Lewis Koski, Colorado's first Director of Marijuana Coordination, Freedman and Koski

International Advocacy to Protect Tribal Sovereignty

Room Capitol Ballroom 5

Panelists will provide updates on a number of international policy matters of importance to tribal governments. The breakout session will highlight recent developments on the issues of international repatriation, cultural protection, protection of traditional knowledge, and climate change. The session will also include updates on an effort under way to establish an organization of indigenous peoples and nations from across North and South America.

Moderator: Frank Ettawageshik, United Tribes of Michigan

Panelists:

Kristen Carpenter, Professor, United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, North American Member

Clément Chartier, President, Metis National Council

Andrea Carmen, Executive Director, International Indian Treaty Council

Melody McCoy, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

Kim Gottschalk, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

4:15 – 6:00

Subcommittee Meetings

Disabilities & Elders – *Room Centennial Foyer*

Economic Development, Finance & Employment – *Room Agate A/B/C*

Education – *Room Capitol 3*

Energy & Mineral Policy – *Room Capitol 1*

Environmental Protection & Land Use – *Room Capitol 4*

Health – *Room Capitol 5*

Housing – *Room Capitol 6*

Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns – *Room Mineral A*

Indian Child & Family Welfare – *Room Capitol 7*

Jurisdiction & Tribal Government – *Room Capitol 2*

Public Safety & Justice – *Room Mineral F*

Taxation – *Room Mineral D/E*

Technology & Telecommunications – *Room Mineral C*

Transportation & Infrastructure – *Room Granite A/B*

Tribal Gaming – *Room Mineral B*

Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture - *Room Capitol 4*

Veterans – *Room Mineral G*

5:00 – 6:00

Youth: End of the Day Wrap Up

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Room Marble

Join us to share what your day was like, learn about opportunities, mingle with other youth attendee, create health walk posters and get ready for tomorrow's agenda.

7:00 – 10:00

75th Gala Evening

Centennial Ballroom

Tickets are available for purchase.

Come enjoy a delicious food, and an evening of warm company and pleasant memories. This will be an evening you won't want to miss!

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Wednesday, October 24

7:00 – 8:00

Regional Caucus Meetings

Alaska Area – Room Capitol 1

Eastern Oklahoma Area – Room Mineral A

Great Plains Area – Room Capitol 2

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Western Area – Room Mineral E

8:00 – 8:15

Youth: Morning Gathering

Centennial Foyer

8:15 – 9:15

National Native American Just Move It! Healthy Lifestyles Walk, Run and Rally Hosted by IHS and N7

Capitol Foyer

15th Annual National Native American Health & Fitness Walk. Come and join leaders as we all “Walk the Talk” and show our commitment to wellness. All participants will receive healthy lifestyles incentives!

9:30 – 12:30

Third General Assembly

Centennial Ballroom A/B

9:30

Call to Order

Juana Majel Dixon, Recording Secretary, NCAI

Invocation

Walt Pourier, Lakota

Announcements

9:35

Native American Veteran Memorial Announcement

Kevin Gover, Director, National Museum of American Indians

9:40

Words of Wisdom: Presidents of NCAI

Veronica Murdock, Colorado River Indian Tribes

W. Ron Allen, Chairman, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

Susan Masten, Yurok Tribe

Joe A. Garcia, Councilman, Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo

Brian Cladoosby, Chairman, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

Jefferson Keel, Lt. Governor, Chickasaw Nation

MOTIVATING CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

10:40

Native Vote

Angela Salazar-Willeford, Intergovernmental Relations Project Manager,

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	Office of Congressional Legislative Affairs, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
10:55	Census Ron S. Jarmin, Associate Director for Economic Programs, and Performing the Non-Exclusive Functions and Duties of the Director U.S. Census Bureau
11:10	Climate Change Fawn Sharp, President, Quinault Indian Nation
11:25	NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women Recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month
11:40	Mascots Ray Hallbritter, Nation Representative, Oneida Indian Nation

11:55 **Tribal Leader Discussion**

12:00 – 1:00 **Information Session on "Waters of the United States:" Redefining Clean Water Act (CWA) Jurisdiction & Revisions to CWA Section 404(g) Program Regulations: Assumption of Dredged or Fill Permitting Program***
Mineral Hall F
Representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Water are holding an information session for tribal leaders and staff to learn more about the following regulatory efforts: (1) "Waters of the United States:" Redefining CWA Jurisdiction: The EPA and the Department of Army are following a two-step rulemaking process to develop a revised definition of "waters of the United States." The agencies are aware that the scope of CWA jurisdiction is of interest to tribes and, therefore, want to provide information on the status of these rulemakings. (2) Revisions to CWA Section 404(g) Regulations: Assumption of Dredged or Fill Permitting Program: The EPA has announced its plan for the first comprehensive revision to the existing Section 404(g) regulations since 1988 to provide greater clarity on the requirements for state and tribal assumption of the Section 404 permitting program. The EPA intends to modernize these regulations and foster a greater interest by the authorized tribes and states in assuming this authority and will initiate tribal consultation and state engagement this fall.

12:10 **Lunch Break**

12:30 **75TH Anniversary Group Photo**
Centennial Ballroom

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Open to all who have registered, purchased a red or blue 75th package, and exhibitors are welcome to join us in capture a historical picture of those at the 75th Annual Convention.

1:30 – 4:00

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Every Native Vote Counts: Protect the Vote and Prepare for Census 2020

Room Mineral C

Let's make sure every eligible Native voter is able to cast a ballot and have it count on November 6! Voter intimidation and harassment are frequently encountered by Native voters. Learn how to proactively identify, address, and report Election Day violations. Start preparing for Census 2020 to ensure that Indian Country counts.

Speakers:

Angela Salazar-Willeford, Intergovernmental Relations Project Major, Salt River Pima Maricopa
Matthew Campbell, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
Jacqueline DeLeon, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
Corrine Yu, Leadership
Kendall Johnson, 2020 Census Integrated Communications Campaign Program Manager, Census
Cathy Lacy, Denver Regional Director, Census Bureau

Building Capacity: Tribal Leadership Strategies for Native Homeownership

Room Capitol 6

Tribal leaders play an integral role in laying the foundation for homeownership programs that leverage housing resources, stimulate tribal economies, and provide economic security and housing choices for tribal citizens at all income levels. Join this session to hear about the new Tribal Leaders Handbook on Homeownership and learn how tribal leaders can take the lead to promote affordable homeownership opportunities on trust land.

Speakers:

Derek Valdo, Councilman, Pueblo of Acoma
Nikki Pieratos, Project Director, Center for Indian Country Development
James Crawford, Co-Chair, Policy Committee, CBJ Producers
Jason Adams, Executive Director, Salish and Kootenai Housing Authority
Krisa Johnson, Director, Office of Loan Guarantee, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Heidi Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary – ONAP, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Medicaid Today

Room Capitol 5

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As tribal nations, tribes want their citizens to live healthy and full lives. In the last few years there have been many changes to services available and this session will share what tribes need to know about Medicaid and the services available.

Speaker:

Stacy Bohlen, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board

Opportunities & Roadmaps for Building Tribal Economies

Room Mineral D/E

This breakout will explore three new opportunities for developing tribal economies. First, the Native American Finance Officers Association will discuss “Opportunity Zones,” the new tax incentives contained in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, and their work with the IRS to develop regulations and guidance. Second, the Tribal Convenience Store Association brings tribes together to share best practices, leverage buying power, offers tools and resources to support tribal operators and build c-store success for all. Third, Natives Outdoors is a new organization working with tribes in developing outdoor recreation, to promote jobs, sustainable development, culture, health and opportunities for youth.

Moderator: W. Ron Allen, Treasurer, National Congress of American Indians

Speakers:

Jamie Balousek, Tribal Convenience Stores Association

Chris Richardson, Tribal Convenience Stores Association

Len Necefer, Natives Outdoors

Earnest House, Natives Outdoors

Salt River Pima—Maricopa Indian Community

Dante Desiderio, Executive Director, Native American Finance Officers Association

Language and School Curriculum

Room Capitol 3

Language revitalization is happening in many communities. This session will share the experiences from a few tribes that have worked to include language in their local school curriculum to include the aspirations, struggles, and successes. Tribal leaders should be able to walk away with not just ideas but tools to implement language at home.

Moderator: Joe Garcia, Head Councilman, Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo

Speaker:

Jessie Little Doe Baird, Vice Chairwoman, Mashpee Wampanoag

Protecting your Tribe’s Sovereignty through a Strong Tribal Court System

Room Capitol 1

A key characteristic of exercising tribal sovereignty is the ability to enforce tribal codes and adjudicate disputes in your tribal court. In this break out session, a team of experienced tribal court experts will discuss the important role that tribal court systems play in all aspects of effective governance from economic development to public safety to health and welfare of tribal

youth. This break out will also provide participants with a firsthand look into the federal Tribal Court Assessment Program and its capacity building systems.

Speaker:

Bennie Francisco, Court Assessment Director, Tribal Justice Support, Office of Justice Services, U.S. Department of the Interior

Nikki Borchardt Campbell, Executive Director, National American Indian Court Judges Association

Michelle Brown-Yazzie, Chief Judge, Pueblo of Isleta

Alfred Urbina, Assistant Attorney General, Tohono O'odham Nation

Taking Climate Action: Protecting Our Peoples, Lands, and Futures

Room Agate A/B/C

This session will explore the breadth and depth of climate action efforts across tribal nations, strategic considerations of tribal climate action plan design and implementation, and the central role that data generation and analysis plays in assessing climate change impacts and the effectiveness of climate action plans. It will feature representatives from several tribal nations who are leading on climate action, as well as key voices who will speak to tribal climate action pathways and challenges nationally.

Moderator: Aaron Payment, Chairman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe

Speakers:

Joel Clement, Former Director, Office of Policy Analysis, U.S. Department of the Interior
Amberdawn La France, Brownfields Coordinator, Environment Division, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

Jason Ramos, Tribal Council Member, Blue Lake Rancheria

Fawn Sharp, President, Quinault Indian Nation

Terry Williams, Treaty Rights Office Commissioner, Tulalip Tribes

Kim Gottschalk, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

Dean B. Suagee, Attorney, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker

Elders and Youth Roundtable

Room Mineral G

Elders and youth will be invited to sit together and participate in this roundtable. Through this session, attendees will be given the opportunity to collaborate on skills to increase our resiliency to stress and strengthen our abilities to be leaders at home, with our families, in the classroom, in our communities, and in our tribal governments.

ICWA at 40

Room Capitol 7

The Indian Child Welfare Act was passed 40 years ago. This session will include what is the Act, where we have come, and what is ahead.

Speakers:

Sarah Kastelic, Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association

Sheri Freemont, Senior Director, Casey Foundation Indian Child Welfare Program

Valerie Nurr'araaluk Davidson, Commissioner, Alaska Health & Social Services
Kandis Martine, Assistant Attorney General, Navajo Nation
Keith Harper, Partner, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

4:15 – 6:00 **Subcommittee Meetings**

Disabilities & Elders – *Room Centennial Foyer*
Economic Development, Finance & Employment – *Room Agate A/B/C*
Education – *Room Capitol 3*
Energy & Mineral Policy – *Room Capitol 1*
Environmental Protection & Land Use – *Room Capitol 4*
Health – *Room Capitol 5*
Housing – *Room Capitol 6 (Housing Subcommittee participating in HUD Session)*
Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns – *Room Mineral A*
Indian Child & Family Welfare – *Room Capitol 7*
Jurisdiction & Tribal Government – *Room Capitol 2*
Public Safety & Justice – *Room Mineral F*
Taxation – *Room Mineral D/E*
Technology & Telecommunications – *Room Mineral C*
Transportation & Infrastructure – *Room Granite A/B*
Tribal Gaming – *Room Mineral B*
Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture - *Room Capitol 4*
Veterans – *Room Mineral G*

4:15 – 6:15 **HUD Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program Tribal Consultation***

Room Capitol 6

HUD is seeking to consult with tribal nations and tribal leaders as the Department continues the regulation drafting process in accordance with the HUD Government-to-Government Consultation Policy. This session will provide an opportunity to provide comment on Section 184 program regulations and to specifically review draft subparts of the proposed regulation.

5:00 – 6:00 **Youth: End of the Day Wrap Up**

Room Slate

Youth attendees, please join us to share what your day was like, learn about opportunities, and mingle with other youth attendees.

6:00 – 7:00 **Department of the Interior Reorganization Tribal Listening Session***

Room Mineral Hall DE

The Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs will lead this Tribal listening session to discuss next steps in the Department of the Interior reorganization efforts.

6:00 – 7:00 **Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Tribal Listening Session***

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Room Capitol Ballroom 3

The Bureau of Indian Education will lead this Tribal listening session to discuss the BIE Standards, Assessments, and Accountability System Negotiated Rulemaking Committee and the recently released BIE Strategic Direction plan.

6:00 – 7:00

Law Enforcement Tribal Listening Session*

Room Mineral Hall F

BIA Office of Justice Services is hosting this listening session to discuss current and upcoming issues related to Indian Country law enforcement, correction, court and training programs.

6:00-8:00

Technology Task Force

Room Mineral C

The NCAI Technology Task Force will hold an open meeting to discuss work in the fields of technology and communications in Indian Country. Google will be presenting on Plus Codes, and the FCC Office of Native Affairs and Policy will provide a general update and field questions.

Google Plus Codes are an open-source and free to use location addressing tool that does not rely on street addresses. Google Plus Codes can be used for mapping locations of sacred or historical sites, better emergency services, voter registration, other citizenship data collection efforts – and more.

6:30 – 9:00

Cultural Evening Pow Wow

Centennial Ballroom

This will be an evening you will not want to miss. Come join tribal leaders, Native youth, alumni, and other attendees as we spend time together sharing and celebrating our culture.

10:45 **Anthony Welcher, Policy Associate Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**

11:00 **Major General Scott A. Spellmon, Deputy Commanding General, Civil Emergency Operations, Army Corps of Engineers**

11:15 **Joe A. Garcia, Homeownership**

11:30 **Tribal Leader Discussion**

12:00 – 1:00 **Elders’ Honoring Luncheon**
Room Capitol 4
 Come enjoy a relaxing lunch with great company and special entertainment.

1:30 – 4:00	Fifth General Assembly	<i>Centennial Ballroom A/B</i>
1:30	Call to Order Regional Vice President, NCAI	
	Announcements	
	Strong Partners...Strong Nations	
1:35	Supreme Court Project Update John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund	
1:50	Farm Bill Keith B. Anderson, Vice Chairman, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and Co-Chair, National Farm Bill Coalition	
2:00	Energy James Campos, Director in the Department of Energy’s Office of Economic Impact and Diversity	
2:10	Partner Panel <i>What do you see as your big challenge in the next decade and what do you need tribal leaders to know to help you overcome the challenge?</i>	
	Ernie Stevens, Jr, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association Gary Cooper, Chairman, National American Indian Housing Council Tina Danforth, President, Native American Financial Officers Association Abigail Echohawk, Director, Urban Indian Health Institute National Indian Health Board	

3:40

Tribal Leader Discussion

4:00 – 6:00

Committee Meetings

Economic, Finance & Community Development - *Room Mineral D/E*

Human Resources - *Room Agate A/B/C*

Land & Natural Resources - *Room Mineral B/C*

Litigation & Governance - *Room Mineral F/G*

Veterans - *Room Mineral A*

5:00 – 6:00

Youth: Annual Convention Wrap Up

Room Granite A/B

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Friday, October 26

8:30 – 12:00 **Indian Arts & Crafts Open**
Centennial Foyer

8:30 – 12:00 **Sixth General Assembly** *Centennial Ballroom A/B*

8:30 – 9:00 **Call to Order**
Regional Vice President, NCAI

Invocation
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Memorials

9:00 **Treasurer’s Report**
W. Ron Allen, Treasurer, NCAI

9:20 **Partnership for Tribal Governance Update**
Dr. Ian Record, Director, Partnership for Tribal Governance, NCAI

9:30 **Policy Research Center Update**
Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Policy Research Center, NCAI

10:10 **Swearing in NCAI Youth Commission Officers**

National Indian Child Welfare Association Youth Board Member

10:25 **Resolutions Committee Report**
Full Committee Reports and Consideration of Resolutions
Economic, Finance & Community Development
Human Resources
Land & Natural Resources
Litigation & Governance
Veterans

11:45 **Retire Colors**

Closing Invocation
Isaac Wak Wak, Colville

12:00 **Adjourn 75th Annual Convention**

Other Meetings and Events

The meetings and events listed below are included to share other opportunities to network and come together on a particular topic. The meetings and events are not part of NCAI's main agenda.

Sunday, October 21

9:00 – 12:00

TEDNA Updates & Open Forum

Room Mineral Hall C

Over the last 15 years, TEDNA has made it a priority to inform tribal leadership, policymakers, and administrators about local, regional, and national policies. The forum is a chance to meet different leaders and practitioners in the field of education sovereignty.

4:00 – 5:00

[Partnering for the Health of all Native Nations](#)

Room Capitol 4

The purpose of the meetings is to engage Nations on opportunities and methods for attacking high suicide rates, growing diabetes populations, high blood pressure and other health conditions so that, the Nation has a healthier population, lower health care cost and provide a greater future to the Nation. Seats are limited [please reserve your seat](#)

Monday, October 22

12:00 – 1:30

Suicide Prevention Roundtable for Tribal Leaders

Room Capitol 1

Are You a Tribal Leader, Council Member or Delegate Attending the 75th Annual NCAI Convention? If so, you are invited to participate in a 1 hour roundtable around suicide prevention. Please share your ideas with us as we create a national guide for tribal stakeholders on this important issue. Breakfast and a small gift provided for your participation.

Tuesday, October 23

12:00 – 1:30

Dawnland Screening

Room Mineral Hall A

For decades, child welfare authorities have been forcibly removing Native American children from their homes to “save” them from being Indian. In Maine, the first official “truth and reconciliation commission” in the United States begins an unprecedented investigation. Dawnland goes behind-the-scenes as this historic body deals with difficult truths, questions the meaning of

reconciliation, and charts a new course for state and tribal relations. Q&A with Tracy Rector, Impact Producer for Dawnland and the Upstander Project, to follow.

Wednesday, October 24

8:15 – 9:15

Native Farm Bill Coalition

Room Capitol Ballroom 4

This meeting will provide an overview of the many significant Native provisions which were included in the House and Senate versions of the 2018 Farm Bill; discuss prospects for passage of the next Farm Bill; share ideas for advocacy in the next Congress; and answer Coalition members' questions. Light breakfast buffet will be available

12:00 – 1:00

100 Year Film Screening

Room Capitol Ballroom 2

100 Years is the award-winning documentary that follows Blackfeet Warrior, Elouise Cobell, as she holds the U.S. Government accountable for the mismanagement of billions of dollars belonging to 300,000 Native Americans. For over 15 years and through three Presidential administrations, Cobell fought the “good fight” and WON the largest settlement ever awarded against the U.S. Government! Join Director, Melinda Janko and NARF Ex. Director, John Echohawk for a screening and Q&A after the film.

12:00 – 1:00

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12:00 – 1:30

We Still Live Here Screening

Room Capitol Ballroom 6

“We Still Live Here” will be presented. Remarks by Vice Chairwoman Jessie little doe Baird to follow.

6:30 – 8:30

Honoring Nations 2018 Reception

Embassy Suites (1420 Stout Street) – Crestone Ballroom

We will celebrate the 2018 Finalists and Tacos and Treats will be served.

Thursday, October 25

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