

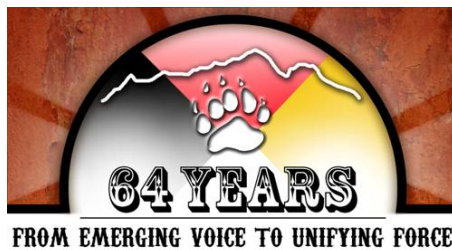


National Congress of American Indians

[HOME](#) | [EVENTS](#) | [ISSUES](#) | [RESOLUTIONS](#) | [RESEARCH CENTER](#) | [TRIBAL DIRECTORY](#) | [GET INVOLVED](#)

1301 Connecticut Ave, NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

Media Release



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Adam McMullin at 202-466-7767 or amcmullin@ncai.org

NCAI's 64th Annual Meeting to Convene in Denver *"64Years: From Emerging Voice to Unifying Force"*

WASHINGTON—September 27, 2007—Denver will be host to hundreds of tribal leaders from across the United States for the National Congress of American Indians' (NCAI) 64th Annual Convention and Tradeshow Nov. 11-16, 2007, to address topics such as Native Vote 2008, Native Youth Initiatives, Law Enforcement, Tribal Governance and an array of other issues facing Indian Nations today. NCAI is the oldest and largest Indian organization in the country and represents over 70 percent of Indian Country.

"NCAI first met in Denver in the fall of 1944," said NCAI President Joe A. Garcia. "64 years later we are meeting where it all began. A handful of tribal leaders gathered to fight assimilation and termination and now we carry on their work by promoting tribal sovereignty, strengthening our government-to-government relationships with the U.S. government, and working tirelessly so that Native people can have better lives."

The 64th Annual Conference will feature a number of speakers including U.S. Sen. Ken Salazar (D-CO), Rep. Diana L. DeGette (D-CO-Dist.1), Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter, FEMA Administrator R. David Paulison and a number of influential tribal leaders. The 2008 presidential candidates have also been invited to speak.

"On behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, it is with great honor to welcome the 64th Annual National Congress of American Indians Convention to the ancestral homelands of the Utes, now known as Denver, Colorado. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, under the leadership of the late Chairman Sam Burch, was among one of the original founding fathers of NCAI that held the convention on November 15-18, 1944 at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Denver, Colorado. Today, the

National Congress of American Indians continues to fight for the rights of Indian Tribes and advocates for all Tribes” says Chairman Clement Frost, Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Chairman Manuel Heart, NCAI Area Vice President from the Southwest Region, says that *“when NCAI comes home to Denver a rejuvenation of commitment is always created, as well as a testament to the goals of those long ago leaders who had a vision. Just a few of the today’s issues are sovereignty, health care, tribal partnerships, and as always, the commitment to ‘Indian Country’ issues affecting future NCAI endeavors.”*

NCAI's trade show will feature over 100 exhibitors, arranging from Native arts and crafts to federal agencies and tribal enterprises. The trade show will be open to the public Monday, Nov. 12 thru Thursday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, Nov. 16.

In support of the Embassy of Tribal Nations Capital Campaign, NCAI will host the Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, Nov. 11, complete with raffle prizes, putting and chipping contests and a silent auction.

For more information, including a draft agenda along with registration and membership information, visit www.ncai.org.

###

Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country. NCAI advocates on behalf of tribal governments, promoting strong tribal-federal government-to-government policies, and promoting a better understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights.

1301 Connecticut Avenue NW • Suite 200 • Washington, DC 20036 (202) 466-7767 • (202) 466-7797 fax •
ncai@ncai.org