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Sunday, February 22		
1:00-5:00	NCAI Executive Board Meeting	South American
Monday, February 23		
Time	Event	Room
9:00-Noon	<p>Transportation Tribal leader participation in this year's transportation authorization is vital to tribal economies and infrastructure development. The purpose of the transportation meeting is for tribal leaders to learn about the upcoming transportation reauthorization in the 114th Congress, the meeting will provide a legislative overview on transportation issues, update on current transportation issues from House & Senate Committee staffers, and Administrative update.</p>	Pan American
9:00-Noon	<p>Tax Tax issues facing tribal governments have risen to the surface in recent years, and NCAI is working with tribal leaders and organizations on initiatives designed to reinforce sovereignty and strengthen tribal nations. This session seeks to further our progress, with a focus on understanding tax reform opportunities in Congress, efforts with the Administration, and actions needed from tribal leaders to continue to promote good tax policy and economic growth on Indian reservations.</p>	Federal B
9:00-Noon	<p>NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women The NCAI Task Force will be meeting to discuss recent policy developments includes efforts to amend the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to provide direct funding to Indian tribes, and reauthorization of the Family Violence Services Prevention Act (FVPSA). The Task Force will also discuss jurisdiction over non-Indian abusers under VAWA 2013 and the upcoming March 7 date when the provision goes into effect nationwide.</p>	Federal A

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9:00-Noon	<p>*Consultation: Childcare & Development Block Grant Reauthorization The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Office of Child Care (OCC) is conducting Tribal Consultation regarding the reauthorization of Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014.</p>	Senate
9:00-Noon	<p>The Affordable Care Act: What Tribal Leaders Need to Know for 2015 This session will provide an overview of the Affordable Care Act and provide information on what tribal leaders need to know for 2015. All American Indians and Alaska Natives need to apply for or claim an exemption from the individual shared responsibility payment in 2015 for the 2014 tax year. Information will be provided on how to apply for or claim the exemption to avoid a fee. Information will also be presented on the employer shared responsibility mandate that went into effect in 2015.</p>	Massachusetts
9:00-Noon	<p>DOI/IHS Joint Listening Session on Contract Support Costs The President's budget proposal includes a recommendation that DOI and DHHS fund contract support costs (CSC) as a mandatory appropriation. Representatives from both DOI and the Indian Health Service (IHS) would like to discuss this proposal with tribal leadership during ECWS. Please join us for this important conversation.</p>	Congressional
12:00-1:00	<p>Advocacy 101 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 run Congressional meetings.</p>	Congressional Closed to Press
1:00-5:00	<p>Registration and Rules and Credentials Open</p>	Upper Lobby

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1:30-5:30	<p>Exploring Tribal Marijuana Policy</p> <p>In October 2014 the Department of Justice issued a Policy Statement Regarding Marijuana Issues in Indian Country, as a result of marijuana legalization in states like Washington and Colorado. There have been significant misunderstandings in the press. The Memorandum indicates that marijuana remains illegal in Indian country under federal law and most tribal laws, but if a tribal government decides to legalize and regulate under eight conditions, US Attorneys may not enforce federal criminal marijuana laws. This raises many legal issues that are unique to each reservation and state, and the memo urges each tribe to consult with their US Attorney. Many tribes are opposed to legalization, and others are considering the possibilities. This breakout session will focus on the information and discussion to assist tribal leaders considering marijuana policy in Indian Country. It will include participation from federal law enforcement officials at Justice and BIA. The meeting is closed to press.</p>	<p>Congressional <i>Closed to Press</i></p>
1:30-5:00	<p>Task Force on Federal Acknowledgment</p> <p>The Task Force on Federal Acknowledgment addresses issues regarding the exercise and acknowledgement of tribal sovereignty with a particular focus on the federal recognition process. Since the 1970's, NCAI has supported a federal process of recognition for Indian tribes that have maintained tribal relations from historical times. The current administrative recognition process has deteriorated with decades-long delays and questions about the fairness and integrity of the process. The Task Force meeting provides a strategic networking opportunity for those working to protect the rights of tribal nations and citizens in light of national and global issues.</p>	<p>Federal B</p>

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1:30-5:00	<p>TANF</p> <p>The NCAI Tribal TANF Task Force will convene to review its current priorities, identify necessary changes, discuss the 2015 TANF legislative and administrative outlook, and work towards improving functioning of programs at the tribal level. NCAI has consistently supported TANF reauthorization and tribes' authority to administer their own family support and work readiness programs to serve tribal children and families.</p>	Federal A
1:30-5:00	<p>Tribal Homeland Security and Emergency Management Breakout Session</p> <p>Tribal sovereignty protection includes protection of homelands and preparation for potential disasters in tribal communities and necessitates a continuing dialogue with federal officials charged with this responsibility. Topics for this multi-faceted session include the continuing implementation of Tribal Presidential Disaster Declaration authority under the Stafford Act, international border crossing issues, and development of enhanced tribal IDs, and updates from the Department of Homeland Security Director of Tribal Affairs, and Federal Emergency Management Agency National Tribal Affairs Advisor.</p>	Pan American

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Tuesday, February 24		
Time	Event	Room
7:30-5:00	Registration Open Rules and Credentials Open	Upper Lobby
8:30-12:00	1st General Assembly	Presidential Ballrooms
	Invocation Joe A. Garcia, Ohkay Owingeh	
	Call to Order Brian Cladoosby, President, NCAI	
8:35-8:55	Senator Al Franken (MN)	
8:55-9:15	President's Address Brian Cladoosby, President, NCAI	
9:15-9:35	Executive Director's Report Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI	
9:35-9:55	Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior	
9:55-10:05	Yvette Roubideaux, M.D., M.P.H., Senior Advisor to the Secretary for American Indians and Alaska Native, Department of Health and Human Services	
10:25-10:35	White House Report Jerry Abramson, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, White House	
10:35-10:55	Senator Jon Tester (MT)	
10:55-11:15	Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN)	
11:15-11:35	Congressman Raúl Grijalva (AZ)	
11:35-12:00	Tribal Leader Discussion	
12:00-12:30	Press Conference	Ohio
1:30-5:00	2nd General Assembly	Presidential

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Time	Event	Room
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	Call to Order Randy Noka, 1 st Vice President, NCAI	
1:50-2:15	Thomas Perez, Secretary of Labor	
2:15-2:35	House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, US House of Representatives	
2:35-2:55	Philip McNamara, Assistant Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs at Department of Homeland Security	
2:55-3:10	Maria Contreras-Sweet, Administrator, Small Business Administration	
3:15-3:35	Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency	
3:35-4:00	World Conference of Indigenous Peoples Update Jefferson Keel, Lt. Governor, Chickasaw	
4:00-5:00	Tribal Leader Discussion	
6:30-8:30	Capitol Hill Reception	National Museum of the American Indian

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Wednesday, February 25		
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8:30-Noon	3rd General Assembly	Presidential Ballrooms
	Call to Order Aaron Payment, Secretary, NCAI	
8:40-9:00	Congressman Peter DeFazio (OR)	
9:00-9:10	Elementary and Secondary Education Act Update Ahniwake Rose, Executive Director, National Indian Education Association	
9:10-9:30	Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy	
9:30-9:40	Mandatory Contract Support Costs Proposal W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman, Jamestown S'klallam	
9:40-10:00	Senator Steven Daines (MT)	
10:00-10:20	Violence Against Women Act Implementation Deborah Parker, Councilwoman, Tulalip Tribes Terri Henry, Councilwoman, Eastern Band Cherokee Indians	
10:20-10:40	Tribal Supreme Court Project Update John Dossett, General Counsel, National Congress of American Indians Richard Guest, Senior Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund	
10:40-11:00	Carcieri Litigation Update William B. Iyall, Chairman, Cowlitz Indian Tribe Heather Sibbison, Attorney, Dentons, Chair of Native American Law and Policy Practice	
11:00-11:20	Congressman Mike Honda (CA)	
11:20-11:45	Tribal Leader Discussion	

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11:45-12:00	Congressman Raul Ruiz (CA)	
12:00-1:00	Close Up Foundation Poster Session Join students from tribes around the country participating in the second annual Close Up Foundation-NCAI Youth Summit. At the poster session students will present their action plans to address challenges in their communities. The event is part of the students' participation in the Generation Indigenous challenge and they welcome the chance to engage with tribal leaders.	Capital Terrace Lobby
1:30-5:00	4th General Assembly	Presidential Ballrooms
	Call to Order Rosemary Morillo, Area Vice President, NCAI	
1:35-1:45	Roberto Ramirez, Assistant Division Chief, Special Population Statistics, Population Division, US Census Bureau	
1:45-2:05	Randall Thysee, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services, FBI	
2:05-2:15	Aaron Payment	
2:30-2:50	Congressman Frank Pallone (NJ)	
2:50-3:10	Budget Analysis Presentation Amber Ebarb, Budget and Policy Analyst, NCAI	
3:10-3:30	Indians 101 Update Sherry Black, Senior Advisor, Partnership for Tribal Governance, NCAI	
3:50-4:00	Senator Byron Dorgan, Aspen Institute, Center for Native American Youth	
4:00-4:20	Michael Connor, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior	

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4:30-4:50	Senator Heidi Heitkamp (ND)	
7:00-10:00	17th Annual Leadership Awards Banquet	Presidential Ballrooms

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8:00-5:00	Hill Visits	
8:00-12:00	Annual FCC Dialogue Session Dialogue with the Office of Native Affairs & Policy on telecommunications needs in Indian Country and developments at the FCC.	California
9:00-11:00	*Department of Labor Consultation Session Tribal consultation session with tribal leaders on Department of Labor policies and regulations.	Federal A
10:00-12:30	*State Department – World Conference on Indigenous Peoples Follow Up for Tribal Leaders A U.S. Consultation in follow-up to the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. This session will be for tribal leaders. For more information contact iga_tribal@state.gov or 202.647.7710.	Ohio
9:30-11:30	*Listening Session: Access to Affordable Non-Health Insurance in Indian Country Listening session with the Federal Insurance Office about access to affordable life insurance and property and casualty insurance in Indian Country. For more information contact Beth Sammis at elizabeth.sammis@treasury.gov .	Continental
9:30-11:30	Bureau of Indian Education – Transformation Update Monty Roessel and Don Yu will provide an update to tribal leaders & other stakeholders regarding the Department of the Interior’s efforts to transform the Bureau of Indian Education.	Massachusetts

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1:00-3:00	<p>One USDA: Food Sovereignty, Agriculture, Housing, and Education</p> <p>Come and join representatives from the US Department of Agriculture as they discuss Food, Agriculture, Housing, and Education opportunities for Tribal communities. As we continue to serve Indian Country, we look forward to hearing your projects and how the USDA can partner with you in these endeavors.</p>	Massachusetts
1:00-3:00	<p>*SBA Consultation</p> <p>The US Small Business Administration is setting up a series of consultations to discuss the National Defense Authorization Act of 2013 and Small Jobs Act of 2010. Make plans to join the first consultation.</p>	Federal B
1:00-5:00	<p>*Housing Improvement Program Consultation with the Department of the Interior</p> <p>The Assistant Secretary –Indian Affairs is hosting a consultation with tribal leaders on proposed revisions to the Housing Improvement Program (HIP) rule 25 CFP 256.</p>	Federal A
2:00-4:00	<p>*State Department – World Conference on Indigenous Peoples Follow Up for NGO Leaders</p> <p>A U.S. Consultation in follow-up to the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. This session will be for non-governmental organization representatives and others. For more information contact iga_tribal@state.gov or 202.647.7710.</p>	Ohio
3:00-4:00	<p>Department of Education - White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education</p>	Federal B

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	Join us to hear updates and provide dialogue on the White House Initiatives on American Indian and Alaska Native Education.	

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

Date & Time	Event	Location
Monday, Feb 23 5:00pm	Teach for America’s Native Alliance Team Annual Legislative Summit Reception Networking event for education champions, Teach for America alumni, and tribal leaders. Brief Programming begins at 5:45pm	Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 628
5:30-6:45pm	Congressman Heck Reception Reception supporting Congressman Denny Heck – DCCC Recruitment Chair Hosted by Chairman Brian Cladoosby. RSVP to 360-359-1514 or jessica@dennyheckforcongress.com	Senate
Tuesday, Feb 24 12:00-1:00pm	National Indian Women “Honor Luncheon” The National Indian Women “Supporting Each Other” has been honoring two Indian Women for the past 20 years! This honor has been provided for their leadership at the local, regional & national level. For more information, please contact Julie Johnson at julie2008@centurytel.net	Federal AB
Wednesday, Feb 25 7:30-8:30am	Breakfast in Support of Congressman Tom Cole Please join Holland & Knight Committee for Effective Government PAC for a breakfast in support of Congressman Tom Cole. Please contact Clinton Key at clinton@keyassociatesdc.com for more information.	Offices of Holland & Knight 800 17th St, NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC
5:00-6:30pm	CNAY Reception	Federal AB

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5:30-7:00pm	<p>Join Senator Byron Dorgan and distinguished guests for a reception to celebrate the Center for Native American Youth’s Fourth Anniversary. The reception will include an honoring of Native American youth leaders – 2015 Champions for Change and notable speakers celebrating our youngest First Americans. Please contact Josie Raphaelito at josie.raaphaelito@aspenninst.org. Congressional Hispanic Caucus BOLD PAC Meet and Greet Event Contact amy@strathdeegroup.com to RSVP All are welcome to attend.</p>	<p>MIO Restaurant, 1110 Vermont Ave., NW</p>
6:00-8:00pm	<p>Richard M. Milanovich Fellowship Reception Please join the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians to commemorate the memory of the late Chairman Richard M. Milanovich with a reception to launch the Richard M. Milanovich Native American Political Leadership Program Fellowship in Public Policy and Politics at the George Washington University. Please RSVP to PaaWee Rivera at privera@kilpatricktownsend.com</p>	<p>Charlie Palmer Steakhouse 101 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC</p>

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