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## Obama tries to revive a grassroots solar program By [Heather Smith](#) on Jul 19, 2016

Can the Obama administration Frankenstein a celebrated solar program back to life? The administration announced a new plan on Tuesday to bring solar power to more neighborhoods — but it's actually an old plan, long-stymied.

The Property Assessed Clean Energy program, known as PACE, was created in 2007 when Berkeley, California, realized the same tools used by neighborhoods to pay for big projects like street paving [could also be used to pay for installing solar panels](#). People in homes with panels had to pay more in property taxes, [but they saved money through lower energy bills](#).

PACE was a hit, [and the idea spread across the country](#). But in 2010, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which [own or guarantee roughly 60 percent of mortgages](#), freaked out [and warned lenders to stay away from communities using the PACE program](#).

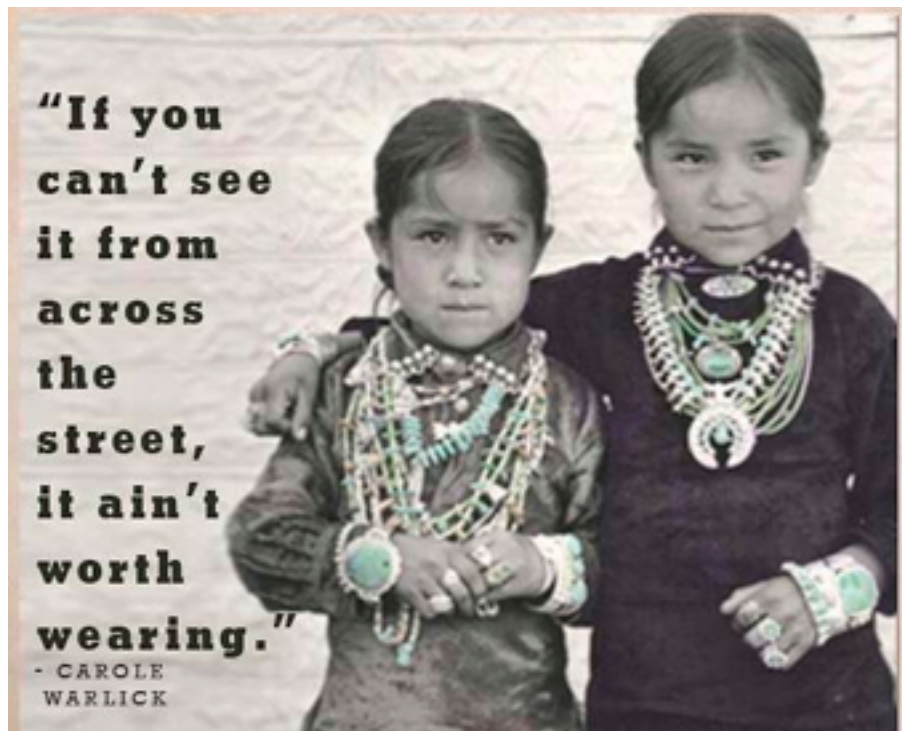
They started “acting like East-Coast bankers,” said Gov. Jerry Brown of California, on a White House call to announce the plan. “After the mortgage meltdown, they’re so fearful they won’t step up to the plate.” PACE didn’t go away, but it was frozen, like Han Solo in carbonite.

So, how to fix this? As part of its “[Clean Energy Savings for All](#)” initiative, the Obama administration persuaded the Housing and Urban Development Agency and the Department of Veterans Affairs to support the program. As a result, the pool of people who can get a mortgage to buy a house with PACE-funded solar panels has widened to veterans and anyone with a [HUD-backed mortgage](#).

“They’re doing what Fannie and Freddie say you can’t do,” said Brown. “Someday Fannie and Freddie will get on board.”

- [Park Service seeks local, Alaska Native applicants for top jobs](#)

[The Park Service says only about 4 percent of its employees are Alaska Native or American Indian, but 20 percent of the population is Alaska Native or American Indian.](#)



ktoo.org

- **Land Rights Win: Alaska Native Tribes Win Right to Place Lands Into Trust, Enhance Safety**

Court ruling gives Alaska Native tribes same land-into-trust rights as Natives elsewhere, enhancing safety, law enforcement, health and land rights.  
indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com

- **Arctic Ocean lease sales can threaten food security of Alaska Native communities**

By John Chase &nbsp; Getty Images To most Americans, the Arctic Ocean is a remote and unseen place—a place that exists only in their imaginations. But in my community of Kotzebue, the Arctic is just outside the front door. The Arctic is our reality. We depend on a healthy environment to feed our fami...

The Hill

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Patrick Wilkes with Ralph Burns and 3 others at 5th Annual Sacred Visions 2013 Competition Powwow.

Pyramid Lake Veterans and Warriors Organization and Black Shawl Society



## **The Ancient Giants of Nevada and The Mystery of Lovelock Cave | Locklip**

Was North America once inhabited by a race of giants?

locklip.com

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## Using Horse Traditions To Reduce Teen Suicide On Wind River Reservation

Kids and horses gather on a dusty riding ground on a ridge overlooking the snow-capped Wind River Range. Northern Arapaho Social Services Director Allison [wyomingpublicmedia.org](http://wyomingpublicmedia.org)

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**300 Samples of charred grains from 10 different Ghana archaeological sites are shedding light on how inhabitants of the region have dealt with drought over the past 1,000 years.** Evidence indicates [historically Ghanaians avoided famine despite periods of prolonged drought](#) like the one the country is currently caught in. Anthropologists hope the research can help experts better understand the relationship between drought and food security. *NPR*

Recently published research indicates drought directly affects the Amazon rainforest's ability to help contain the planet's carbon excess. Currently, [trees in the Amazon absorb and store approximately 100 billion tons of carbon](#), preventing it from escaping into the atmosphere. By killing trees and stunting the growth of those that survive, drought reduces the rainforest's biomass and its effectiveness in trapping carbon. Scientists expect the Amazon's ability to mitigate carbon will continue to decrease as drought and deforestation increases. *Mongabay*

Agtech startup [Indigo just launched a line of probiotic-covered seeds, which utilize microbes to reduce water consumption](#). The seed coating's microbes should replenish those removed from heritage plants by years of industrial farming. In trials, plants produced by the probiotic-covered seed exhibited desirable stem diameters and root mass, positive indicators for the plants' capacity to manage water stress. The company's new line, Indigo Cotton, is projected to increase crop yields by 10 percent. Indigo also expects to bring their next probiotic-covered seed, Indigo Wheat, to market later this year. *The Verge*

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Here is a link on a **Tribe Called Red's** upcoming album with short video on collaboration with Manawan Quebec drum group Black Bear. The new album includes vocal contributions from John Trudell, hip hop artist Yasiim Bey (Mos Def), Inuit singer Tanya Tagaq among others.

<http://pitchfork.com/news/66982-yasiin-bey-mos-def-joins-a-tribe-called-red-for-new-song-red-listen/>

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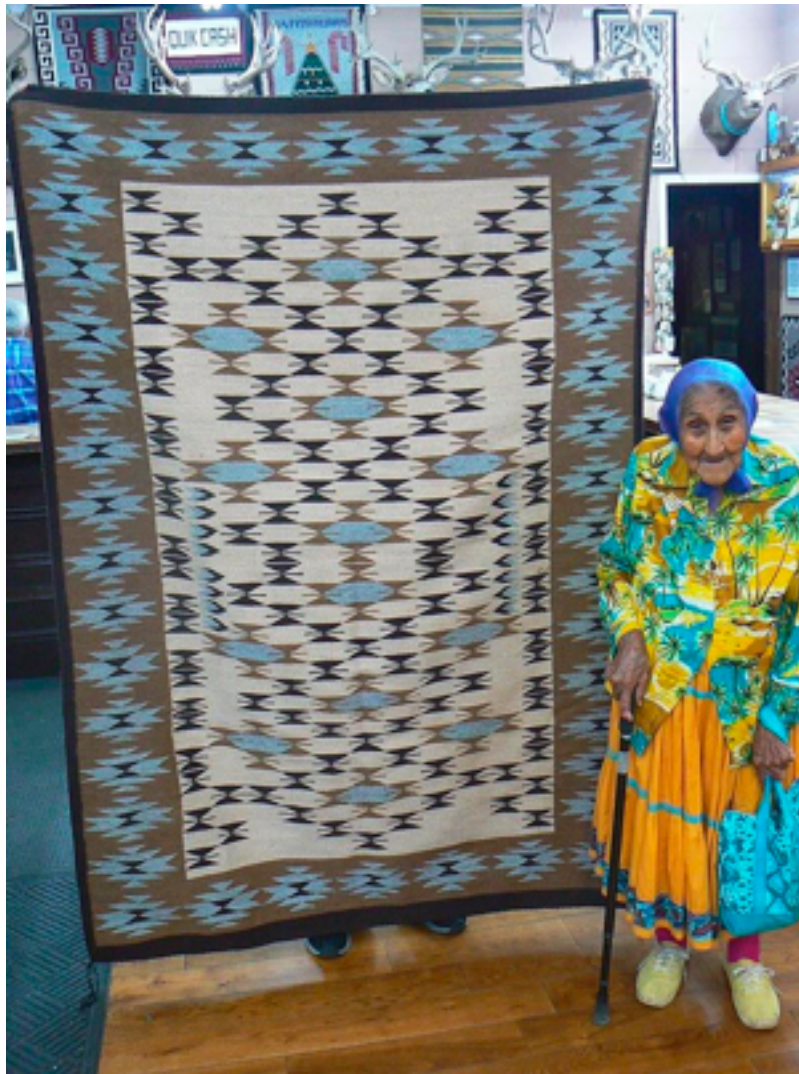
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[The Apology #5 The Power of the Web Getting 100,000 signatures!](#)

The Wellbriety Movement and the Boarding School Healing Coalition is a Web of interconnected People. So we need to organize a connection of webs connecting to other webs within 30 days to get 100,000 signatures. [wellbriety.com](http://wellbriety.com) By [White Bison, Inc.](#)

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[Tonya June Rafael](#)

Aww...90 year old rug weaver Alice Begay wove this beautiful rug. I hope Perry Null paid her very well for this beautiful rug. ❤️👍  
I love her Hawaiian shirt..  
Precious👁️  
It puts tears in my eyes..

[#NativeVote16 – Trump’s metaphor: I will break treaties](#)

Mark Trahan / TrahanReports  
Donald J. Trump accepted the Republican Party’s nomination for president Thursday. “Here, at our convention, there will be no lies,”...

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p’s anger. Or his harsh view of law and order. I heard something else: A promise to break treaties.  
[#NativeVote16](#) via @trahantreports

Ps. Remember the algorithm ... Please share.

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#### **VALEO NORTH AMERICA TAPPED TO WORK WITH TESLA**

Valeo North America, a global automotive supplier and partner to automakers is slated to work with Tesla on developing “intuitive driving” in Nevada.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz29648724>



[S James Surveyor](#) with [Trevia Lynn Dashee](#) and [2 others](#).  
[July 19 at 9:08am](#) · [Tuba City, AZ](#) ·

Good morning! I am looking for **Hopi dance group performers** for the 2017 summer season! Whether you have a group or can put a group together I am interested in working with you! Inbox me for details or give me a call at 928-283-4500. Serious inquiries only, Professional, experienced groups preferred.

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#### **SANDOVAL CREATES OFFICE FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Gov. Brian Sandoval on Friday launched a new office within the administration to coordinate workforce development efforts and target grant money.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz29648725>

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[Renae Yellowhorse](#) added [14 new photos](#). ·

#### **Red flags flying over Escalade**

Two-and-a-half years ago, I wrote a letter that was printed in the Navajo Times re: The Escalade project which raised questions that were valid at the time on this project being built on the bottom of the Grand Canyon. Objections were raised by thousands upon thousands of our Diné, whose voice was heard and this foolish project was stopped. Or so we thought.

<http://navajotimes.com/.../letters/letters-forgiveness-quite.../>

## 'Worst' drought condition in 44 years on Tule River Reservation

Luis Hernandez, Visalia Times-Delta

Drought conditions on the Tule River Reservation are the worst Neil Peyron has seen in his 44 years.

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### Federal officials say Lake Mead water

won't be released

Associated Press

Federal officials say they won't release water that Arizona and other Lower Colorado River Basin states have stored in Lake Mead to another state.

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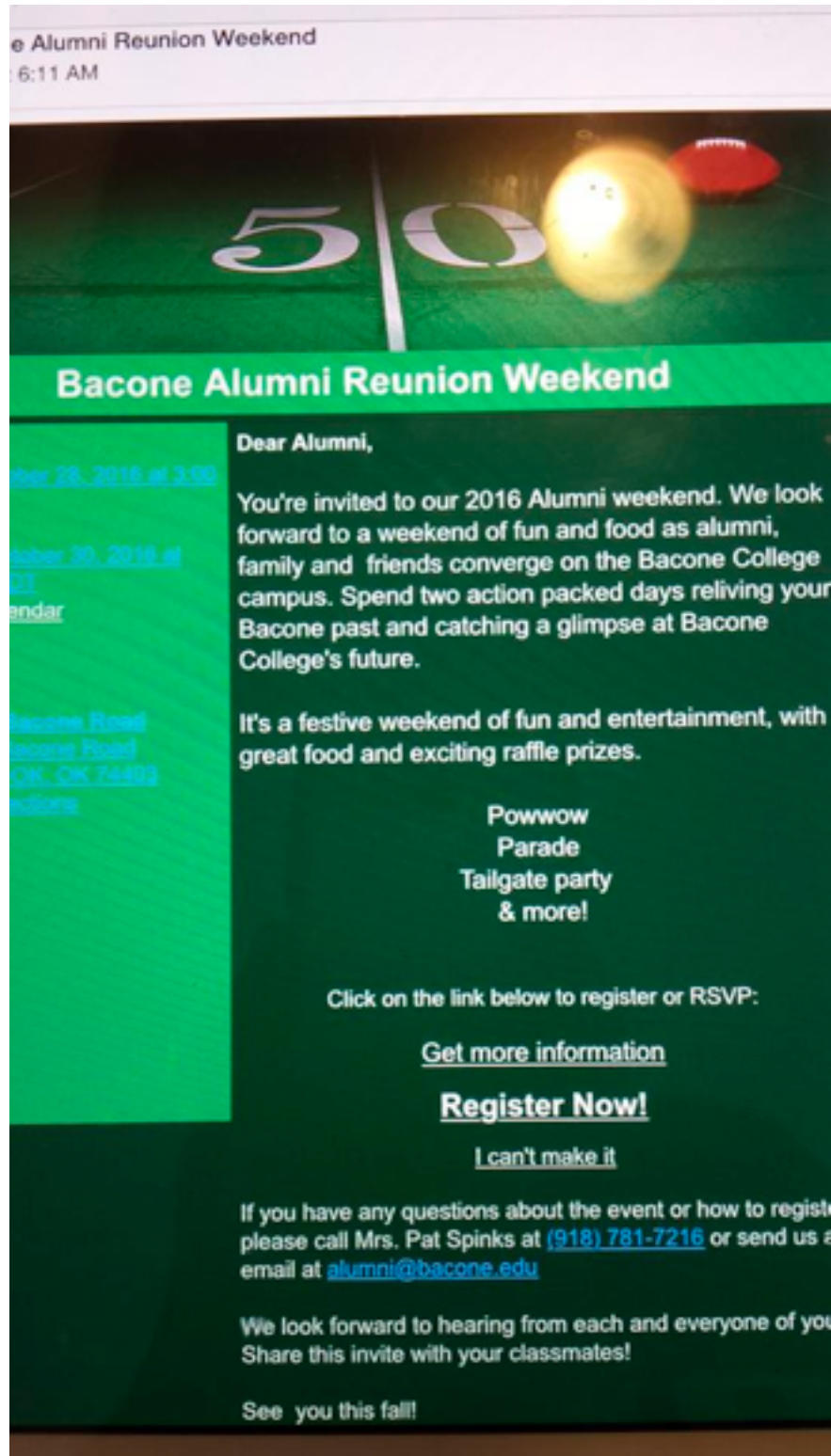
### Health Clinic Video Walker River Paiute Tribe

Critical need for a new clinic and equal health care at the Walker River Paiute Tribe. For more information, please contact Kenneth Richardson, Tribal Health...youtube.com

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### 7-Eleven delivers by drone in Reno including, yes, Slurpees

7-Eleven Inc. and a tech startup called Flirtey have beaten Amazon to the punch in making the first drone delivery to a customer's home in the U.S. Most.techcrunch.com



e Alumni Reunion Weekend  
6:11 AM

## Bacone Alumni Reunion Weekend

Dear Alumni,

You're invited to our 2016 Alumni weekend. We look forward to a weekend of fun and food as alumni, family and friends converge on the Bacone College campus. Spend two action packed days reliving your Bacone past and catching a glimpse at Bacone College's future.

It's a festive weekend of fun and entertainment, with great food and exciting raffle prizes.

Powwow  
Parade  
Tailgate party  
& more!

Click on the link below to register or RSVP:

Get more information

**Register Now!**

I can't make it

If you have any questions about the event or how to register please call Mrs. Pat Spinks at (918) 781-7216 or send us an email at [alumni@bacone.edu](mailto:alumni@bacone.edu)

We look forward to hearing from each and everyone of you. Share this invite with your classmates!

See you this fall!



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### **Nerd alert: Reading is good for your health**

Reading fiction isn't merely escapism, it can improve your emotional intelligence and lead to having a happier and healthier life.

[www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com) By Jen Christensen, CNN

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### **Cherokee Women and Their Important Roles**

Indigenous, nature, wildlife and companion animal news. Pass it on!

[www.whitewolfpack.com](http://www.whitewolfpack.com) By White Wolf

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### **Toronto hospital opens sweat lodge for aboriginal patients**

Taking part in the cleansing ceremony is meant to cast out negative thoughts and feelings, and to help heal "the wounds in their lives," said Longboat, a Mohawk...

[whitewolfpack.com](http://whitewolfpack.com) By White Wolf

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### **On Friday, July 22, 2016, the President signed into law:**

H.R. 4875, the "United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016," which establishes the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the history of the United States leading up to its 250th anniversary;

H.R. 5588, the "Veterans' Compensation COLA Act of 2016," which provides for a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for the beneficiaries of veterans' disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation equal to the Social Security COLA;

S. 524, the "Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016," which addresses prescription opioid abuse and addiction by, among other provisions: (1) authorizing grant programs for abuse prevention and education, including prescription monitoring; (2) expanding access to treatment and recovery options, including medication-assisted treatment and overdose reversal drugs; (3) expanding law enforcement grants and prescription drug take-back programs; and (4) providing specific opioid abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery resources to veterans, women, and children; and

S. 2840, the "Protecting Our Lives by Initiating COPS Expansion (POLICE) Act of 2016," which expands the allowable use of grant funds awarded through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services under the Department of Justice to include participation in active shooter training programs.

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### **Dennis Banks Hospitalized after Heart Attack**

Breaking News Published July 22, 2016 PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN — Dennis Banks, 79, co-founder of the American Indian Movement, suffered a heart attack while attending a Sun Dance ceremony in northe... [nativenewsonline.net](http://nativenewsonline.net) By [Native News Online](http://NativeNewsOnline)



## **Republican Party Platform 2016:**

[https://prod-static-ngop-pbl.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/DRAFT\\_12\\_FINAL\[1\]-ben\\_1468872234.pdf](https://prod-static-ngop-pbl.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/DRAFT_12_FINAL[1]-ben_1468872234.pdf)

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## **And for equal opportunity:**

Written by Tribal people on DNC platform committee:

Read from page 21....

<https://www.demconvention.com/.../Democratic-Party-Platform-7...>

[... See More](#)

### ***Honoring Indigenous Tribal Nations***

We have a profound moral and legal responsibility to the Indian tribes—throughout our history we have failed to live up to that trust. That is why the Democratic Party will fulfill, honor, and strengthen to the highest extent possible the United States’ fundamental trust responsibility, grounded in the Constitution, treaties, and case law to American Indian and Alaska Native tribes.

We recognize the inherent sovereignty of Indian nations and will work to enact laws and policies that strengthen, not reduce, the powers of Indian nations over people who interact with them in Indian Country. We will work on a government-to-government basis to continue to empower Indian nations, and to provide sufficient and meaningful resources to Indian tribes to bolster economic development and self-determination. As Democrats, we will constantly seek to ensure that American Indian communities are safe, healthy, educated, innovative, and prosperous.

We will restore tribal lands by continuing to streamline the land-into-trust process and recognize the right of all tribes to protect their lands, air, and waters. We will continue to work on a government-to-government basis to address chronic underfunding, and provide meaningful resources and financial investments that will empower American Indian tribes through increased economic development and infrastructure improvements on tribal lands.

We will strengthen the operation of tribal housing programs, and reauthorize the Indian Housing Block Grant Program. We will increase affordable and safe housing and fight to significantly reduce homelessness on and off Indian reservations, especially among Native youth and veterans.

We will invest in Indian education from early childhood through higher education. We will fully fund the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), strengthen self-determination to enable culturally-tailored learning unique to each tribal nation, and help to recruit and retain qualified teachers for Native learners. Democrats will continue to support President Obama's Generation Indigenous initiative that has made important strides in promoting new investments and increased engagement with American Indian youth, including by continuing efforts to reform the BIE to provide students attending BIE-funded schools with a world-class culturally-based education. We also support the elimination of school and sports mascots that reflect derogatory

stereotypes and that perpetuate racism.

We will strengthen tribal sovereignty and tribal jurisdiction by enacting laws and policies that enhance the ability of Indian nations to govern their territories, keep their communities safe, and prosecute crimes committed on tribal lands. We will build on the important provisions in the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, which reaffirmed the right of Indian tribes to prosecute perpetrators regardless of race who commit domestic violence on tribal lands. Democrats will continue to work to address criminal justice gaps that undermine the safety of tribal communities. And we will back these efforts through robust investments in effective tribal law enforcement and tribal courts.

We believe that health care is a core federal trust responsibility, and we support a robust expansion of the health care provided by the Indian Health Service. We will work to fully fund the Indian Health Service, Tribal, and Urban Indian health care system and to ensure that all American Indians have adequate, safe, and affordable access to primary care providers, including oral health, mental health practitioners, and substance abuse treatment options.

We acknowledge the past injustices and the misguided, harmful federal and state policies and actions based on outdated and discredited values and beliefs that resulted in the destruction of the Indian nations' economies, social, and religious systems, the taking of their lands, and the creation of intergenerational trauma that exists to this day. We believe that we have a moral and profound duty to honor, respect, and uphold our sacred obligation to the Indian nations and Indian peoples.

We will manage for tribal sacred places, and empower tribes to maintain and pass on traditional religious beliefs, languages, and social practices without fear of discrimination or suppression. We also believe that Native children are the future of tribal nations and that the Indian Child Welfare Act is critical to the survival of Indian culture, government, and communities and must be enforced with the statutory intent of the law.

We will strengthen Indian voting rights, including improved access to polling locations. We will build on federal programs to reduce the disproportionate incarceration of American Indian and Alaska Native men and women, reduce disparities in prison sentencing, protect the religious rights of Native prisoners, reduce barriers to prisoner reentry, and offer access to housing and employment upon reentry.

We are committed to principles of environmental justice in Indian Country and we recognize that nature in all its life forms has the right to exist, persist, maintain, and regenerate its vital cycles. We call for a climate change policy that protects tribal resources, protects tribal health, and provides accountability through accessible, culturally appropriate participation and strong enforcement. Our climate change policy will cut carbon emission, address poverty, invest in disadvantaged communities, and improve both air quality and public health. We support the tribal nations efforts to develop wind, solar, and other clean energy jobs.

We will engage in meaningful and productive consultation with Tribal Leaders, and will host a White House Tribal Nations Conference annually bringing together cabinet and senior level federal officials to gather input from Tribal Nations when formulating federal policy impacting tribes. Democrats believe that American Indian/Alaska Natives shall be represented in the federal government to properly reflect their needs and will work to appoint American Indian/Alaska Natives to key positions, including retaining a senior level policy position in the White House Domestic Policy Council. We will strengthen the White House Council on Native American Affairs. Democrats will increase engagement with American Indians/Alaska Natives living outside of tribal communities.

Democrats also support efforts for self-governance and self-determination of Native Hawaiians. Native Hawaiians are the indigenous, aboriginal people of Hawai'i whose values and culture are the foundation of the Hawaiian Islands. We support proactive actions by the federal government to enhance Native Hawaiian culture, health, language, and education. We recognize and honor the contributions and sacrifices made in service to our country by Native Hawaiians.

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***Canoes at Tribal Journeys stop over/ protocol in Lummi tonight.***



***RIP Janice Smart  
RIP Delia Smartt Egan***

***July 21, 2016  
Laid to rest this past weekend***