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In Old Crow, Yukon, the Gwich'in rely on caribou for food and sustenance. (photo: G MacRae/Flickr)

The First Tribal Climate Emergency Declaration Is Here - and It Won't Be the Last
By Yessenia Funes, Gizmodo 26 May 19

In the Arctic, people don't have time to wait around for others to take action to stop climate change. This region of the world is [warming faster](#) than everywhere else, so they're feeling the impacts of the global fever our planet is running much quicker than the rest of us. That's, in part,

why an indigenous community in Canada's Yukon territory recently declared a climate emergency. In fact, they are the first indigenous peoples to do so—and that's major.

Members of the Vuntut Gwichin First Nation live in the village of Old Crow, where Chief Dana Tizya-Tramm [declared](#) the emergency May 19. The UK became the first country to declare a climate emergency [earlier this month](#), and local governments [from Australia to the Czech Republic](#) have followed suit. These declarations don't carry the same weight that an official emergency declaration after a disaster would—those actually come with governmental funding. These are largely symbolic, but they send a key message: The time to act is now.

"This is a declaration that should permeate the spheres of industry, political leadership, and the people," Tizya-Tramm told Earthar.

The declaration, titled "Yeendoo Diinehdoo Ji'heezrit Nits'oo Ts'o' Nan He'aa," translates directly to "After Our Time, How Will the World Be," in the native Gwichin language. It recognizes the role traditional indigenous knowledge can play in the effort to curb climate change. It also notes the Gwichin people's concern that their voices are going largely unheard in the governmental response to this crisis. The declaration reads:

"Affirming the right of Indigenous peoples to self-determination, including Indigenous rights related to lands, waters, and resources, and the imperative that Indigenous peoples be central to every effort for mitigating and adapting to climate change at local to international scales." To Tizya-Tramm's knowledge, no other tribal nations have declared such an emergency. But he's hoping more will now. That's kind of the whole point behind this. He said it's a "call out" to other tribal communities across the continent and the world—and he's already been hearing from others interested in following suit.

The chief didn't offer names about what tribal communities have expressed interest, but he's already got a plan up his sleeves about how to take this emergency declaration further. He hopes that this declaration will help lead to an Indigenous Climate Accord. Think the Paris Agreement but with the representation of all the tribal nations around the world.

"The indigenous peoples have been left out of the Paris Climate Accord," Tizya-Tramm said. "We've gotten a nod in the preamble, but where are the national and international public forums for indigenous voices?"

In the coming months, the tribal leader plans to meet with different indigenous leaders throughout the Arctic. There are the Sami people in Sweden and the other Gwichin communities throughout Alaska and Canada, for instance. He wants indigenous people to play a bigger role internationally in solving climate change. The science has yet to catch up with much of their observational and traditional knowledge—from changing migratory patterns for the Porcupine caribou herd to new birds entering their territories. Tizya-Tramm hopes this declaration will result in a domino effect that spreads elsewhere.

"This is not a responsibility that our people or nation will run from," he said. "We plan to get into the very heart of this issue and lead our way out of climate change, the climate crisis."



What Would It Mean to Deeply Accept That We're in Planetary Crisis?

DAHR JAMAIL AND BARBARA CECIL, TRUTHOUT

For decades the corporate-capitalist settler-colonial industrial growth project has dragged all of Earth's species toward the gaping and bottomless abyss of extinction. A new cosmology is needed in order to accept the likelihood of our own demise, along with the looming death of vast swaths of the biosphere upon which we depend and are a part of. [Read the Article →](#)

After 130 Years, Canada Exonerates 'Peacemaker' Chief Convicted of Treason

'In 1885, Chief Poundmaker was treated as a criminal and a traitor,' Prime Minister Trudeau said. 'In 2019, we recognize the truth'

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Vermont passes bill abolishing Columbus Day in favor of Indigenous Peoples' Day
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Remembering the US soldiers who refused orders to murder Native Americans at Sand Creek independent.co.uk

Phoebe Bender

My dad, Jim Bender, told me a story, I miss his stories. I enjoyed them.

He said when he was stationed in Okinawa, he was feeling homesick. I don't remember which city he was visiting, it was in Japan. He said he thought he heard someone drumming and singing. He said it sounded like Native songs. Turned out it was. There were a bunch of Native soldiers using a drum, which was an oriental type, to sing songs. He said he was so happy. It made him feel good to find his fellow Native soldiers in Japan.

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National Opportunities

Support for Environmental and Financial Literacy Programs

The Cornell Douglas Foundation is dedicated to advocating for environmental health and justice, encouraging stewardship of the environment, and furthering respect for sustainability of resources.

Efforts to Combat HIV/AIDS Funded

The Kent Richard Hofmann Foundation is dedicated to the fight against HIV and AIDS.

Skilled Trades Teachers in U.S. High Schools Recognized

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools, a program of The Smidt Foundation, is dedicated to the advancement of skilled trades education in America.

Grants Promote Local Climbing Projects

The American Alpine Club's Cornerstone Conservation Grants, funded by REI, create healthy climbing landscapes, promote respect for the places people climb, and empower local climbing communities.

Regional Opportunities

Funds to Strengthen Folk Art in California

The Alliance for California Traditional Arts (ACTA) promotes ways for cultural traditions to thrive now and into the future by offering advocacy, resources, and connections for folk and traditional artists.

Initiatives Serving Illinois Veterans Supported

The mission of the McCormick Foundation's Veterans Program is to create welcoming and inclusive communities within the state of Illinois for those who served and their families where each is able to reach their maximum potential.

Grants Focus on Rural Areas in New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas

The Carl C. Anderson, Sr. and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation supports nonprofit organizations statewide in New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, with preference given to organizations serving rural counties.

Prizes Honor Nonprofit Revenue Generating Efforts in Five States

The Eide Bailly Resourcefulness Award recognizes nonprofit organizations in Arizona, Colorado, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Utah that have created impactful initiatives to generate sustainable streams of revenue.

Federal Opportunities

Funds Available to Assist Communities with High Energy Costs

The Assistance to High Energy Cost Communities program provides support to communities to acquire, construct, or improve energy generation, transmission, or distribution facilities.

Program Helps Street Youth

The Street Outreach Program supports prevention and intervention services for runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of being subjected to sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, and severe forms of trafficking in persons.

"Dear Parents, After much research this summer, I am trying something new. Homework will only consist of work that your student did not finish during the school day. There will be no formally assigned homework this year. Research has been unable to prove that homework improves student performance. Rather, I ask that you spend your evenings doing things that are proven to correlate with student success. Eat dinner as a family, read together, play outside, and get your child to bed early. Thanks, Mrs. Brandy Young"



The Acoma Nation along Route 66. photo by shoshi parks

“Other species migrate across continents and span oceans in pursuit of food and mates. They travel to get somewhere. Humans, by contrast, often travel to lose themselves — ecstatically — in something larger than ourselves. That ecstasy is never far away from those who remain open to being surprised.”

Radical Travel: Are we doing vacations wrong? How to be a better guest in someone else’s homeland **Bani Amor**



[A Route 66 Road Trip Through Indigenous Homelands](#) [Shoshi Parks](#)

[The Indian Law That Helps Build Walls](#)

By MAGGIE BLACKHAWK

The Supreme Court’s legal abuse of Native Americans set the stage for America’s poor treatment of many of its vulnerable populations.

Healthy lands, healthy people, healthy economies

The Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) provides grants to eligible organizations for business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, and advocacy services to support Native farmers and ranchers.

The charitable trust was created by the settlement of the landmark [Keepseagle v. Vilsack](#) class-action lawsuit. NAAF is the largest philanthropic organization devoted solely to serving the Native American farming and ranching community.

To read the trust agreement, [click here](#).





INTERTRIBAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL

The Intertribal Agriculture Council was founded in 1987 to pursue and promote the conservation, development and use of our agricultural resources for the betterment of our people.

Land-based agricultural resources are vital to the economic and social welfare of many Native American and Alaskan Tribes. The harmonies of man, soil, water, air, vegetation and wildlife that collectively make-up the American Indian agriculture community, influence our emotional and spiritual well being. Prior to 1987, American Indian agriculture was basically unheard of outside reservation boundaries.

Since that time, IAC has grown to prominence in Indian Country and among the federal government agencies and the agricultural field with which it works on behalf of individual Indian producers and Tribal enterprises. The IAC has, over the last three decades, become recognized as the most respected voice within the Indian community and government circles on agricultural policies and programs in Indian country.

In today's booming economy, our nation's employers are searching for qualified workers to fill the increasing amount of positions currently available. That's why the **U.S. Small Business Administration has announced the Makerspace Training, Collaboration and Hiring (MaTCH) Pilot Competition** which seeks to address the job skills and placement gaps faced by U.S. businesses. MaTCH will provide funding to create or expand programs with job-specific and soft skills training within existing makerspaces.

The SBA will award up to \$1 million in total prizes to fund selected winning proposals. The submission period began on May 21, 2019 and ends on July 8, 2019. Winners will be announced on August 6, 2019. [Learn more](#)

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SBA U.S. Small Business Administration

MaTCH
The Makerspace Training, Collaboration
and Hiring Pilot Competition

Enter for a chance to win up to \$200K
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Encore Entrepreneurs

Did you know that May is Older Americans Month? If you're thinking about starting a business after earlier career endeavors, launch SBA's FREE self-paced online training for tips and resources. [Launch the course](#)

Small Business Funding Programs

Looking for funding options for your small business? Lender Match is a free online referral tool that connects small businesses with participating SBA-approved lenders. [Get matched](#)

Small Business Export Webinar Series

As part of World Trade Month, the SBA, along with several other federal agencies, will host a FREE webinar series entitled, Go Global. This online program aims to help participants gain valuable insights on strategies for international sales success. [Learn more](#)

How to do a Practical Lean Business Plan in Four Easy Steps

One of the most common reasons for business owners not getting the benefit of business planning is putting off doing a plan because it seems too hard. People still think of a business plan as a big formal document, hard to do, and — sadly — not worth the effort. [Read more](#)

The fate of Renee: A tragic story of a 'Stolen Sister'

Renee was a Tuscarora Haudenosaunee that disappeared on Christmas Day in 1974 in New Haven, Indiana. A runaway, the police did not look for her when she first went missing. By C.A. Printup [Read more](#) [newsmaven.io](#)

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Agency analysts have been told to avoid these seven banned words and

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And from another AICF scholar:

My name is Nylana, and I'd like to share with you what your support of AICF scholarships has meant to me.

Technology is everywhere in our day-to-day lives. It makes things more convenient, helps us stay connected, and allows us to find new opportunities.

I am so passionate about helping my community embrace technology. Thanks to you, I'm pursuing a bachelor's degree in applied science at Navajo Technical University and will be the first in my family to obtain a technology degree.

My dream is to grow and expand my community's technology infrastructure, helping small and large institutions alike overcome obstacles to meet their business objectives. By helping my community thrive technologically, I'm looking to make a positive impact on places like my community's hospital, schools, and anywhere else I can!

Women in technology are pretty rare, but we desperately need technological advancements on our reservations to grow. A lot of people told me that Native women can't do this, but I'm proving them wrong. I'm going to show young girls that being an information tech or computer scientist - or anything - is possible.

To me, education is power. It's the power that allows you to do whatever you want with your life and your future. It takes you places.

And believe me, with the education I

am receiving thanks to the American Indian College Fund, I'm going to go places.

Sincerely, Nylana

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