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**POEH AH KA WOHA TSEY: THE EMERGENCE TEACHINGS OF RESILIENCE**

New NSRGNTS mural in the Art Through Struggle Gallery

(Indian Pueblo Cultural Center)

On view: June 28, 2024-June 1, 2025.

This mural in the Art Through Struggle Gallery in *We Are of This Place: The Pueblo Story*, the IPCC's permanent exhibition, was unveiled on June 28, 2024. This 7-panel painting was designed and created by NSRGNTS, two Indigenous artists based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as a commission for the IPCC. NSRGNTS is Leah Povi Marie Lewis (Laguna, Taos, Zuni Pueblos/Hopi/Diné) and Votan Henriquez (Maya/Nahua). Their mural focuses on Pueblo empowerment of the past, present, and future and is painted in vivid colors in a "Kawaii" style—a "cute" illustrative style similar to anime. The artwork's visual story places emphasis on Po'pay as a Pueblo role model and a figure of strength. It invites storytelling and teaching for all ages through an approachable style that is accessible even for our youngest visitors and community members.

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The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is a must-visit destination for anyone interested in Native American culture and history. This vibrant center offers a profound and immersive experience, providing a unique opportunity to learn about the traditions and stories of the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico. The permanent exhibition, "We Are of This Place: The Pueblo Story," is particularly impressive, as it shares the Pueblo people's legacy through their own voices and perspectives. The collection of over 20 murals by Pueblo artists adds a stunning visual element, highlighting the importance of seasons, dance, and agriculture in Pueblo life. One of the highlights of our visit was the Native American dances held in the courtyard every weekend. These social dances not only showcase the rich cultural heritage but also invite visitors to participate, creating a truly interactive experience. The Indian Pueblo Kitchen offers delicious Indigenous cuisine, with dishes inspired by Pueblo traditions. The Indian Pueblo Store is a great place to purchase authentic Native American art and jewelry directly from talented artists. Overall, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is not just a museum; it's an experiential journey into the heart of Pueblo culture. Whether you're interested in history, art, or simply learning about Native American traditions, this center is an absolute must-see when visiting Albuquerque.

### [\*\*Bois Forte Heritage Center & Cultural Museum\*\*](#)

[Bringing the Bois Forte Ojibwe History & Culture Alive](#)

<https://www.boisforteheritagecenter.com/>

Recent federal actions are directly impacting our communities. Across the country, libraries that serve everyone from kids to seniors are losing funding. Historic places where our history happened like the African Meeting House and Whitney Plantation have had grants terminated. In this moment, it's important that we use our voice to show how historic preservation supports vibrant communities as well as our democratic values.

To do this, we need your help. As we work at the federal level, we need you to amplify your voice at the local level. Below, we've included resources to help you to describe how historic preservation serves people in your communities.

- Support our national advocacy efforts by [sharing examples](#) of how these federal actions are affecting you and your community.
- [Take advantage of available resources to effectively advocate at the grassroots level](#). This includes exploring National Trust on-demand trainings over the next few weeks.
- Reach out to your Members of Congress, who are frequently in district when Congress is in recess. Invite members to onsite visits to sites in your community, schedule direct conversations with them, and attend public meetings.
- [Explain to policy makers why you support the federal Historic Tax Credit \(HTC\)](#) which represents the most significant investment the federal government makes toward historic preservation. It preserves historic buildings, revitalizes communities, and spurs economic growth.
- Make sure to [sign up for our Advocacy Newsletter](#) to stay up to date.

Carol Quillen  
President & CEO  
National Trust for Historic Preservation

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I write to ask for your help. For the last decade we have received funding every year from the State Legislature. **That funding has been cut from the 2026 budget. Without it, the CDNC will go offline and the work we do to preserve and digitize California newspapers will end.**

Please take a couple of minutes to email the budget subcommittee members and urge them to put our funding back in the budget. I have provided some sample text below that you can copy and paste into "Comments" section of their contact forms. The contact information for the committee members is here:

<https://sbud.senate.ca.gov/members/subcommittee-1>  
<https://abgt.assembly.ca.gov/sub-committees/subcommittee-no-3-education-finance>  
[At the very least, I would ask that you email the Chairs \(Senator Laird and Assembly Member Alvarez\). If you can also email some of the committee members, all the better.](#)

Thank you for your support of our work.

Best, Brian Geiger, Director, Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research  
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The Council of State Archivists (CoSA) received notice late Wednesday, April 9th, that the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) terminated CoSA's two project grants, effective April 8, 2025.

IMLS plays an essential role in helping libraries, archives, and museums offer educational resources, preserve state and local history, and provide public services that communities rely on. A widespread loss of funding from the agency could mean loss of access to services for most Americans, thus having a far-reaching impact on access to knowledge, literacy efforts, and vital community programming.

For CoSA, a nonprofit association serving the 56 U.S. state and territory government archives, the loss of funding directly impacts our multi-year BACKER: Building Archival Capacity for Keeping Electronic Records project and our two-year AWARE: Archives Working Across Remote Environments planning project. The grants were awarded through the IMLS National Leadership Grant program in FY2021 and FY2023, respectively. **The immediate revocation of the awards is a setback for CoSA's flagship electronic-records institute and our programmatic commitment to facilitating capacity-building and best practices at the archives of the nation's territories.**

"IMLS has been a long-time trusted partner of CoSA's work, particularly for the State Electronic Records Institute (SERI)," said Executive Director Joy Banks. "Over the history of SERI, the IMLS investment in the program has totaled more than \$1.5 million and has profoundly advanced state archives' ability to preserve and provide access to electronic records. [BACKER's most recent reports](#) demonstrate that the project is a sound investment. Recently funded SERI activities benefited the public by equipping archivists and records managers with tools for delivering 21st-century services."

While the BACKER project is nearly complete, the AWARE project is approximately three-quarters of the way through conducting onsite assessments of archives programs in the territories, Alaska, and the District of Columbia. Following the collection of findings from this planning phase, CoSA intended to seek IMLS support for an implementation phase to help this cohort move forward on recommendations in their assessments.

**"The unexpected termination of these grants places a financial burden on an organization the size of CoSA," said Banks, "but we are actively working to identify general operations resources that can be reallocated to fulfill our commitments to project participants."**

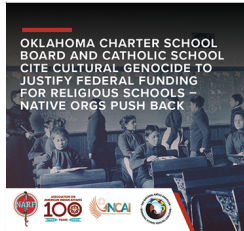
CoSA president Cathy Popovich says these adaptations will prioritize the core objectives of both projects. "Though our timelines may shift and final publications may not look quite as polished, we remain focused on the goals of these projects and the members they are designed to support."

CoSA urges the State Historical Records Advisory Boards (SHRABs), archives friends organizations, allied organizations, and private citizens to advocate for IMLS' future by telling your impact story of what a loss of federal dollars directed to libraries, archives, and museums will mean for you, your organizations, and your community. The American Alliance of Museums (AAM) provides [a guide and resources](#) to help connect with your elected officials. The Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) is also coordinating the collection of impact stories with state libraries. If you or your organization has received a termination notice, [COSLA \(IMLS only\)](#), [AAM \(IMLS and NEH\)](#), and [American Association for State and Local History \(IMLS, NEH, and NPS\)](#) are collecting and sharing information about the national impact.

Two lawsuits have been filed by [states](#) and [professional organizations](#) to stop the dismantling of IMLS. The American Association for State and Local History is in conversation with the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) and other museum associations about legal options to challenge this action. In the meantime, consider subscribing to CoSA's monthly [News Brief](#) for updates.



The Latest News in the Fight for Native Right



## Denouncing cultural genocide

NCAI, the Association, and NABS filed an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court to defend Tribal sovereignty in education and to explain the federal Indian boarding school policy was genocide.

[What Happened →](#)



## Fighting for Tribal and Great Lakes safety

Four Tribal Nations are appealing the Michigan oil tunnel permit granted through a flawed process that dismissed sacred places, treaty rights, public need, climate impacts, and safety risks.

[What's At Stake →](#)



## How the SAVE Act would hurt Native voters

Proposed federal legislation would force Native voters living in rural or remote areas to travel great distances to register to vote.

[Learn More →](#)



## Celebrating National Library Week

Libraries play a vital role in empowering communities. Since 1971, the National Indian Law Library has provided a unique and valuable service in Indian Law research. Thank you NILL!

[About NILL →](#)

On April 7, NCAI, Tribal Nations, and the Mojave Elder Committee sent President Trump and Department of the Interior Secretary Burgum a letter urging the protection of Chuckwalla National Monument. This is just one of many sacred sites that needs to be safeguarded from degradation and privatization.

"National monuments are an essential tool for preserving the living homelands for Tribal Nations — not just federal designations, but vibrant landscapes with deep cultural, natural, and spiritual significance," said NCAI President Mark Macarro. "These places carry the songs, the stories, the ancestors, and the spirit of our people. Any attempt to erase their protections is a direct attack on the sovereignty, heritage, and spiritual lifeways of Tribal Nations."

These lands are more than monuments; they are sacred trust spaces, integral to the survival of Native cultures and communities.

[Read the Statement](#)

[Read the Letter](#)

## **Tribal Organizations File Amicus Brief to Shine Light on the History of Federal Indian Boarding Schools and Tribal Sovereignty in Education**

On Monday, April 7, the National Congress of American Indians, the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, and the Association on American Indian Affairs filed an amicus brief in *Oklahoma Statewide Charter School Board v. Drummond and St. Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual School v. Drummond*, both on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Oklahoma Statewide Charter School Board and the Catholic school argue that the federal government has a longstanding tradition of funding religious education—pointing to federal Indian boarding schools and treaties with Tribal Nations—as evidence that such funding does not violate the U.S. Constitution’s principle of separation of church and state.

The amicus brief seeks to clarify that federal Indian boarding schools were part of the federal government’s Indian “civilization” policy that sought to forcibly assimilate Indian children by converting them to Christianity. The brief also explains the difference between Tribal Nations directing the United States to spend Tribal money on Indian education and federal spending of public money for the religious education of Indians. The Tribal organizations explain that neither example should be mischaracterized or misused to justify federal funding for religious education today... [continue reading](#).

[Read the Amicus Brief](#)



[Read the Statement](#)

## Indian Country Advocacy: Recent Coalition Letters

A coalition of national Native advocacy organizations, including NCAI, has sent a series of letters to federal officials to educate and urge them to protect legally mandated Tribal programs from harm while implementing policy priorities.

Some recent letters include:

- [Joint Tribal Organization Letter to the White House \[EO 14122\]](#) – April 9, 2025
- [Joint Tribal Organization Letter to VA](#) – April 10, 2025

[Visit the Coalition Website](#)



Golden hour at Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, located just 20 miles outside of the Las Vegas strip. (Bureau of Land Management/CC BY 2.0).

<https://thenevadanews.com/2025/02/27/how-you-can-help-protect-red-rock-canyon-trails/>

**Trail running in Nevada: Lace up & hit the 15 best routes**

<https://thenevadanews.com/community/trail-running-in-nevada-lace-up-hit-the-best-routes/>

## Scholarships with May 15-17 Deadlines

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| <a href="#">Geneva Fund Scholarship</a>                                                    | \$20,000 | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">George D. McCoy/Hemophilia of North Carolina Education Scholarship</a>         | \$1,000  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Hope Starts Here Scholarship</a>                                               | Varies   | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Howard P. Rawlings Guaranteed Access (GA) Grant</a>                            | \$20,700 | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Huebner Scholarship</a>                                                        | \$15,000 | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">International Loper Scholarship</a>                                            | \$17,532 | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">John Kitt Memorial AACT Scholarship Fund</a>                                   | \$2,500  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Joseph H. Weingart Memorial Scholarship</a>                                    | \$1,000  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Julie A. Keil Women in Hydro Scholarship</a>                                   | \$3,000  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Keisha Bodden Scholarship</a>                                                  | \$1,500  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Kimberly Coffey Foundation Memorial Nursing Scholarship</a>                    | Varies   | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Lift Up Our Voices Scholarship</a>                                             | \$3,500  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Loren Gruber Scholarship for Literary Studies</a>                              | \$2,000  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Lucile Murray Durkin Scholarship</a>                                           | \$2,200  | May 15, 2025 |
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| <a href="#">Maude and Alexander Hadden Scholarship</a>                                     | \$40,000 | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Metro &amp; NJBA Trades Scholarship</a>                                        | \$1,250  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">MHG Compassion Scholarships</a>                                                | \$1,500  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund</a>                                  | \$3,500  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Milton Fisher Scholarship for Innovation and Creativity</a>                    | \$20,000 | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Morehead State University Graduate Assistantship Program</a>                   | \$10,000 | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Mosaic Ministries Scholarship</a>                                              | \$52,800 | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Northeast Lakeview College Scholarships</a>                                    | Varies   | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Ohio War Orphan &amp; Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship</a>     | Varies   | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Optum Infusion Pharmacy/Hemophilia of North Carolina Education Scholarship</a> | \$3,000  | May 15, 2025 |
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| <a href="#">Paul Bernot Memorial Foundation Scholarship</a>                                | \$3,000  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">San Diego State University Weber Honors College Scholarship</a>                | \$30,000 | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Smith Publicity Book Marketing Scholarship</a>                                 | \$2,500  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Society of Professional Journalists/Los Angeles</a>                            | \$2,000  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund</a>                                 | \$17,000 | May 15, 2025 |



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| <a href="#">TCCP Women in Tech Scholarship</a>                                | Varies   | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The Parker Family Scholarship</a>                                 | \$1,000  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The Trotter Project Scholarships</a>                              | \$10,000 | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The Trotter Project's Farmer Lee Jones Scholarship</a>            | \$10,000 | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The Trotter Project's Homaro Cantu Scholarship</a>                | \$10,000 | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The Trotter Project's Pursuit of Excellence Scholarship</a>       | \$10,000 | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Virginia Zank Scholarship for Writing Studies</a>                 | \$4,000  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Walter J. Travis Society Scholarship</a>                          | \$1,000  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Whitaker Foundation Scholarships</a>                              | \$2,000  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Wilmington Women in Business Fresh Start Scholarship</a>          | Varies   | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">WNF&amp;GA Sarah Bradley Tyson Memorial Fellowship</a>            | \$4,000  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">WNF&amp;GA Scholarship</a>                                        | \$4,000  | May 15, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Wyoming LDS Foundation Scholarship</a>                            | Varies   | May 15, 2025 |
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| <a href="#">7X24 Exchange Rocky Mountain Chapter Scholarship</a>              | \$5,000  | May 16, 2025 |
| <a href="#">AITCOY Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships</a>                | \$1,000  | May 16, 2025 |
| <a href="#">ASH Foundation Graduate Student Scholarships</a>                  | \$5,000  | May 16, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Endeavour Women in Tech Group (EWITG) Engineering Scholarship</a> | \$10,000 | May 16, 2025 |
| <a href="#">GLA Hubbard Scholarship</a>                                       | \$3,000  | May 16, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Leon Bradley Scholarship</a>                                      | \$3,500  | May 16, 2025 |
| <a href="#">NativeVision Scholarship</a>                                      | \$5,000  | May 16, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Smile Train College Scholarship Program</a>                       | \$5,000  | May 16, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The Melissa Stoneberger Foundation Scholarship</a>                | \$5,000  | May 16, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The Royal Brougham Foundation Scholarship</a>                     | \$500    | May 16, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Wealth by Health Steps for Change Scholarship</a>                 | \$2,000  | May 16, 2025 |
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| <a href="#">Empowerment Through Education Scholarship</a>                     | \$1,000  | May 17, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Navisite Next Stemminist Scholarship Program</a>                  | \$10,000 | May 17, 2025 |
| <a href="#">NCCF Legacy Scholarship</a>                                       | \$1,000  | May 17, 2025 |
| <a href="#">NCCF Survivor Scholarship</a>                                     | \$1,000  | May 17, 2025 |
| <a href="#">New England Community Scholarship</a>                             | \$1,000  | May 17, 2025 |

## From NATHPO

### PUBLIC COMMENT DEADLINES & UPDATES

**Due April 30, 2025: CTIA FCC Petition:** Late last month, CTIA The Wireless Association (CTIA) [petitioned the Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\) for a rulemaking](#) that would effectively eliminate NEPA and NHPA Section 106 Review for the vast majority of cell towers. There would be serious implications to such a rulemaking, which is why NATHPO and so many other Tribal Nations and organizations fought a very similar effort back in 2018. The D.C. Circuit Court vacated this part of that ruling in 2019. A copy of CTIA's new petition and the FCC public notice are attached. **The FCC has already issued a request for comments, with a due date of April 30, 2025.** NATHPO will be submitting its own comment, a copy of which is attached, and which will be made available [on our website](#) when we send it in. Comments can be submitted electronically [HERE](#) using RM-12003 for the proceeding. The attached FCC public notice also provides details for comment filers who choose to use a non-electronic method or require assistance.

**Filed March 27, 2025: Comment on CEQ's Proposed Rule Eliminating Implementing Regulations.** On February 25, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) announced an interim final rule that removes the CEQ regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) from the Code of Federal Regulations. In addition, this interim final rule requests comments on this action and related matters to inform CEQ's decision making. NATHPO submitted its own comment, a copy of which is attached and will be posted soon [on our website](#). We also signed onto a comment letter with the National Congress of American Indians, which you can read [HERE](#).

**May 2025: ACHP Section 106 Webinars.** The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is hosting a series of three training webinars on Section 106 in May 2025. For information on course content and registration instructions, visit <https://www.achp.gov/training/webinars>.

*NATHPO regularly submits comment letters to federal agencies advocating on behalf of Tribal communities and their THPOs. You can find several of our most recent letters [HERE](#), and if you know of an upcoming deadline and want NATHPO to consider submitting comment, please contact Melissa Madrigal at [melissa@nathpo.org](mailto:melissa@nathpo.org).*

### **Military Takes Control of the Border**

President Trump signed an order authorizing the US military to take control of land on the US-Mexico border

- The Trump Administration has significantly increased the military's presence on the border, deploying units of advanced combat vehicles and several thousand troops in February
- On Friday, Trump ordered the military to take control of federal land along the US-Mexico border to create a militarized 'buffer zone' to detain migrants
- The move also raises questions about whether the US is planning military action in Mexico. Last week, *NBC* reported that US officials are considering launching drone strikes on Mexican drug cartels

## Innovation City Redone?

| Freedom City                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Silicon Valley tech investors are promoting Greenland as a possible site for a “freedom city.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| “Freedom cities” operate with minimal government intervention, often involving deregulated economies, no taxes, and policies inspired by libertarian or anarcho-capitalist ideas. Tech billionaires have long promoted the creation of tech-oriented freedom or “start-up cities,” an idea backed by high-profile Silicon Valley billionaires including Peter Thiel and Marc Andreessen.                                                     |
| Last week, <i>Reuters</i> reported that early-stage discussions are underway about creating a tech-focused “freedom city” in Greenland, an idea reportedly supported by President Trump’s pick for ambassador to Denmark, Ken Howery. Howery co-founded a venture-capital firm with Peter Thiel and is a longtime friend of Elon Musk.                                                                                                       |
| The vision for Greenland reportedly includes a hub for innovation focused on AI, autonomous vehicles, space launches, and small-scale nuclear reactors. Greater US control over Greenland is popular in tech circles, as Greenland’s cold weather could reduce the costs of cooling down data centers and its untapped reserves of rare earth minerals are needed to manufacture advanced technology.                                        |
| While tech leaders have not publicly commented on the proposal, one investor said expanding to Greenland “can be the dawn of a new Manifest Destiny,” and Palantir co-founder Joe Lonsdale said he supported “expanding our country to Greenland.” Another Silicon Valley executive called for creating a freedom city in Greenland because its environment could provide a test site for colonizing Mars, one of Elon Musk’s major focuses. |
| The push extends far beyond Greenland. The CEO of a startup city in Honduras known as Próspera told <i>Wired</i> that he and other Próspera executives part of an advocacy group called the Freedom Cities Coalition have met with the Trump Administration about expanding freedom cities in the US. Although hurdles still exist to make their vision a reality, the idea may not be totally in the cold.                                  |

From the *Nevadan*:

Who hasn't come out to enjoy this springy warm weather? **Mojave Max**, the desert tortoise whose emergence from his burrow each spring signals the start of increasingly warmer weather. But his two roommates did [come out](#) last week.

Every year, the Desert Conservation Program holds a contest where elementary school students can put in their guess of when Mojave Max will emerge from his burrow. For the first time in 25 years, the contest is open to any Clark County resident over 18 years old. So if you want to take a guess, you still have time. You can enter [online](#)

**When's the best time to watch the Lyrid meteor shower in Northern Nevada?** The Lyrid meteor shower, [one of the oldest known meteor showers](#), starts April 16 and runs through April 26. Monday the 21st may be the best night to look up. The moon will be at its last quarter, which means it will appear about half-full and won't rise until about 3:30 a.m., leaving most of the night moon-free. That means meteors won't be obscured by bright moonlight. ([Via Reno Gazette Journal](#))