



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Office of the Associate Attorney General

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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

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Dear Tribal Leader,

We are honored to invite your participation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation, to be conducted in-person September 9–11, 2026, at the Tulalip Resort in Tulalip, Washington. The Department of Justice will be joined by other federal stakeholders, including our colleagues from the United States Departments of Health and Human Services and the Interior. We will conduct the Tribal Consultation over two and a half days.

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 20126, the purpose of the Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation is to solicit recommendations from Tribal leaders on the following topics:

- Administering Tribal funds and programs;
- Enhancing the safety of Indian women from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, homicide, stalking, and sex trafficking;
- Strengthening the federal response to such violent crimes; and
- Improving access to local, regional, state, and federal crime information databases and criminal justice information systems.

The report summarizing Tribal leader testimony from the 2025 Tribal Consultation (held in January 2026 due to the government shutdown in Fall 2025) will be emailed to Tribal leaders and attendees and posted on the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) website at: [www.justice.gov/ovw/tribal-consultation](http://www.justice.gov/ovw/tribal-consultation). OVW will also email and post any consultation framing papers and related materials, along with OVW's update report on the status of 2025 Consultation recommendations. Logistical information about the Tribal Consultation and registration will be available soon at: [www.ovwconsultation.org](http://www.ovwconsultation.org).

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you in September. If you have questions about the Tribal Consultation, please contact OVW's Acting Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs, Rebekah Jones, at [Rebekah.Jones@usdoj.gov](mailto:Rebekah.Jones@usdoj.gov) or (202) 307-6026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Woodward, Jr.", written over a large, stylized "H" or similar graphic.

Stanley E. Woodward, Jr.  
Associate Attorney General