



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Office of the Associate Attorney General

*Acting Associate Attorney General*

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Dear Tribal Leader:

We are honored to invite your participation in the 16th Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation to be conducted virtually from August 17 to 20, 2021. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and continuing national emergency, the Department of Justice has determined that a virtual consultation using an online meeting platform is the best means to protect the safety and health of tribal leaders and others who usually attend this consultation in person.

The Department of Justice will be joined at this meeting by other federal stakeholders, including our colleagues from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of the Interior. We will conduct the tribal consultation over four afternoons, and will hold the afternoon of the fourth day for an open, interactive, online discussion between tribal leaders and federal representatives.

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 crimes; and
- Improving access to local, regional, state, and federal crime information databases and criminal justice information systems.

A copy of the 2020 Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation Annual Report is available on the website of the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) at [www.justice.gov/ovw/tribal-consultation](http://www.justice.gov/ovw/tribal-consultation). In July 2021, OVW will send an update on the status of the 2020 Tribal Consultation recommendations, along with briefing materials and framing papers for the 2021 Tribal Consultation. Logistical information about the 2021 Tribal Consultation will be available soon at [www.ovwconsultation.org](http://www.ovwconsultation.org).

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you at the 2021 Tribal Consultation in August. If you have any questions, please contact OVW's Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs, Sherriann Moore, at [Sherriann.Moore@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sherriann.Moore@usdoj.gov) or 202-514-8804.

Sincerely,

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