



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Associate Attorney General

The Associate Attorney General

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Dear Tribal Leader,

We are honored to invite your participation in the 12th Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation to be held October 3-4, 2017, at the We-Ko-Pa Resort and Conference Center on the reservation of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in Fountain Hills, Arizona. The Department of Justice will be joined by our colleagues from the United States Departments of Health and Human Services and the Interior.

The statutory purpose of the violence against women tribal consultation is to solicit recommendations from tribal leaders on the following three topics:

- Enhancing the safety of American Indian and Alaska Native women from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking;
- Strengthening the federal response to the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking; and
- Administering funds and programs for tribal governments established by the original Violence Against Women Act and subsequent legislation.

A copy of the 2016 Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation Report was mailed to you in April and also is posted on the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) website at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/tribal-consultation>. OVW will send out consultation questions and briefing materials along with OVW's report on the 2016 consultation recommendations in the early fall. Logistical information about the tribal consultation will be available very soon at [www.ovwconsultation.org](http://www.ovwconsultation.org).

We look forward to seeing you at the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in October. If you have questions about the Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation, please contact OVW's Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs, Sherriann Moore at [sherriann.moore@usdoj.gov](mailto:sherriann.moore@usdoj.gov) or (202) 307-6026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Brand".

Rachel L. Brand  
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