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**2011 NATIONAL INTERTRIBAL YOUTH SUMMIT IN SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO,
TO CONVENE YOUNG LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY**

***Week-Long Leadership Conference in Santa Fe, N.M., Provides Opportunity for
Obama Administration Officials to Hear Directly from Youth***

ALBUQUERQUE – Young men and women from tribal communities across the country have been selected to attend the week-long **2011 National Intertribal Youth Summit in Santa Fe, N.M., from July 24-28, 2011**, featuring administration officials from the White House and the Departments of Justice, Interior, Health and Human Services and Education.

The 2011 National Intertribal Youth Summit is a youth leadership conference for tribal youth participants to meet other American Indian and Alaska Native youth through special sessions targeting leadership development and critical youth issues such as healthy relationships and lifestyles, education, substance and alcohol abuse, cultural preservation, community development and protecting the environment.

The summit also provides an opportunity for Obama administration officials to hear directly from youth in Indian Country. The administration and federal agencies have made a commitment to building healthier and safer communities through strengthened coordination and collaboration with tribal governments and partners.

Chaske Spencer, star of the Twilight movie series, and pro-golfer Notah Begay also plan to make appearances at the summit, which is focused on youth voices.

Key press opportunities are as follows. **All events take place at the Santa Fe Indian School, 1501 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, N.M.**

Sunday, July 24 - Thursday, July 28, 2011

For special requests to film b-roll during the week of the summit, please contact Jessica Smith at jessica.a.smith@usdoj.gov or 202-305-5625.

Sunday, July 24, 2011

6:30 P.M. Opening ceremonies will convene with grand entry and traditional dancing.
Santa Fe Indian School, Pueblo Pavilion Gym
OPEN PRESS

Monday, July 25, 2011

- 9:00 A.M.** Attorney General Eric Holder will offer remarks in a video greeting. Karol Mason, Deputy Associate Attorney General, and Charlie Galbraith, White House Associate Director of Public Engagement, will deliver remarks during the summit's opening session.
Santa Fe Indian School, Pueblo Pavilion Gym
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- 9:30 A.M.** U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales, District of New Mexico will lead a group session on personal empowerment and the power of choice.
Santa Fe Indian School, Pueblo Pavilion Gym
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- 4:30 P.M.** Associate Attorney General Tom Perrelli will deliver remarks at the Intertribal Youth Summit.
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A full version of the summit agenda can be found at:
<http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov/2011youthsummit.html>

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