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Pictured above: President Joe Biden speaks at the Gila Crossing Community School in the Gila River Indian Community reservation in Laveen, Ariz., Friday, Oct. 25, 2024. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

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# Biden issues formal apology for treatment of Indigenous children within federal boarding schools

By: Gabrielle Wallace and Marshall Baker - Cronkite News

**Laveen Village, Ariz. – Friday, October 25, 2024** President Joe Biden on Friday formally apologized for the 150 years of abuse and harm suffered by Indigenous children that were put into the federal boarding school system.

“I believe it is important that we do know there was generations of Native children stolen, taken away to places they didn’t know, with people they never met, who spoke a language they never heard,” Biden said during a visit to the Gila River Indian Community in front of an emotional crowd. “The federal government has never formally apologized, until today.”

This apology comes after an extensive investigation by the Department of Interior. The Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative began in 2021 and was designed to recognize the long-term impacts of Indian boarding schools from 1819 to 1970.

‘Kill the Indian, save the man’

Indian boarding schools were created to assimilate American Indian, Alaskan Native and Hawaiian Native children to American culture. Children were often forcibly removed from their homes and taken to religious government-funded schools, mainly Protestant and Catholic, hundreds of miles away.

Arizona was home to 59 boarding schools, followed closely by New Mexico with 52, according to the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition.

The schools estranged the children from their native culture and traditions, punishing them for speaking their native language. Children suffered mental and physical abuse during their time in the schools, including beatings, starvation and child labor.

Thousands of children are estimated to have died. Many of the deceased are still to be identified.

In Volume II of the investigative report of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, the DOI states it identified 973 student deaths. The actual number is estimated to be much higher.

“The Department acknowledges that the actual number of children who died while in Indian boarding schools is greater,” the report stated Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, the first Native American cabinet secretary, announced the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, which included an investigative report detailing institutions involved in the Indian boarding school system. The initiative also included an oral history project to interview survivors of Indian boarding schools and share their stories.

A 12-stop cross country tour called the Road to Healing was part three of the initiative. The one and only Arizona stop was the Gila River Indian Community, located in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

Arizona lawmakers including Ruben Gallego and Katie Hobbs attended the Gila River Indian Community stop in January 2023.

Haaland spoke before Biden at his Friday morning visit, highlighting the many contributions the Biden administration has made to Indigenous communities during his tenure as President.

“President Biden has been a champion for Indian country, committed to doing what is right for our people,” Haaland said. “It is the honor of my lifetime to serve a President and an administration that truly sees Indigenous people and has worked tirelessly to address the issues in Indian country that have long been underfunded and outright ignored.”

In July 2024, the DOI released the second, final volume of the investigative report.

In the report, DOI Assistant Secretary Bryan Newland, from the Bay Mills Indian Community in Michigan, listed eight recommendations for the federal government. One of them asked the federal government to issue an official apology for its role in Indian boarding schools across the country.

Among the recommendations, Newland also advised backing efforts to mitigate the present-day impacts of the Indian boarding school system.

“The United States could invest in healing ... individuals from the legacy impacts of forced assimilation on a scale that is, at a minimum, commensurate with the investments made in the Federal Indian boarding school system,” he wrote in the Volume II report.

Newland recommended the U.S. develop a national strategy to minimize the number of Native children entering the foster care system. He also recommended funding for healing rooted in culture and traditions throughout Indian country. This included funding for tribes and tribal healing programs as well as infrastructure funding such as trauma treatment centers.

Newland was present during Biden’s remarks, and he is looking ahead to what more can be done to further right the wrongs of the past.

“Healing has to be voluntary, and it has to be a joint effort between the nation and Indian people, and so I think that’s where we go from here,” Newland said. “I’m really proud of the work that we’ve also been a part of to really help make life better for Indian people. I think that’s a prelude of more to come.”

Was this enough?

Like Haaland and Newland, Mary Kim Titla, 63, comes from a family historically affected by boarding schools. Titla’s mother attended the Phoenix Indian School, operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which closed in 1990. She thinks an apology is long overdue.



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Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee Announcement

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by Georgia Lomawaima, HTPRC Project Coordinator

Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039 – October 16, 2024

The Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee has a 2<sup>nd</sup> announcement regarding deadlines on applications for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funding (SLFRF), as follows:

- Applications for Reimbursements will need to be submitted by the deadline date of November 15, 2024.
- Applications for Capital purchases will need to be submitted by the deadline date of November 15, 2024. Three quotes are required with all purchase requests. Purchases in excess of \$250,000 are subject to the same requirements and deadlines as projects.
- All applications need to be carefully reviewed by the sub-committee before being presented to the full Committee.

Please note: This is an application for Hopi Tribal Programs, Hopi Villages and Hopi Tribal Business entities for reimbursements and capital purchases. Tribal Program procurements over \$250,000 also require Tribal Council approval.

Please call Georgia at 928-734-3391 or email [Glomawaima@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:Glomawaima@hopi.nsn.us) or Racheal at 928-734-3392 or email [RPovatah@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:RPovatah@hopi.nsn.us) for questions.

Thank you



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Submitted by Georgia Lomawaima, HTPRC Project Coordinator

Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039 – October 30, 2024

The Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee is now providing an extended deadline to submit *project* applications for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funding (SLFRF), as follows:

- All applications need to be carefully reviewed by the sub-committee before being presented to the full Committee. Applications with best estimates of costs must be submitted by the deadline date of November 8, 2024.
- Applications submitted by November 8, 2024, must be finalized with the results of the RFP process by the deadline date of December 6, 2024. Note that Committee will not accept new project applications between November 8, 2024 and December 6, 2024.

Please note: This is an application for Hopi Tribal Programs, Hopi Villages and Hopi Tribal Business entities on projects.

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# HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

## 4th Quarter Session

### MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024

### AGENDA – PROPOSED

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### II. CERTIFICATIONS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

1. **Oath of Office** – Maude Yoyhoeoma, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi

#### III. ROLL CALL

#### IV. INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### V. ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECOGNITION OF DIGNITARIES OR GUESTS

#### VI. CORRESPONDENCE

#### VII. CALENDAR PLANNING

1. Land Commission
2. Water/Energy Committee
3. Transportation Committee
4. Law & Order Committee
5. Investment Committee
6. Health/Education Committee
7. Hopi Gaming Committee

#### VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion & Possible Action** – Letter dated September 24, 2024 RE: Council Appointment to the Hopi Benefits Committee. From Jim Davis, Finance Director **Tabled to December 1, 2024**

2. **Action Item #059-2024** – to modify Ordinance #36 Education Code. Author Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel

3. **Action Item #062-2024** – to rescind partially H-057-2022 Orayvi Well 3-phase power to replace HUC and pass through the money directly to the Village of Orayvi. Author Sarah Abney, Water Resources Manager

4. **Action Item #063-2024** – to approve Resolution in support for the protection of cultural resources and sacred sites on public lands for the Great Sage Plain and “The Lands Between” – Author/Alfred Lomaquahu, Registrar, Hopi Elections Office

5. **Action Item #066-2024** – to join the Avi Kwa Ame National Monument Advisory Committee – Stewart B. Koyiyumptewa, Historical Preservation Officer, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Office of the Chairman

6. **Action Item #067-2024** – to approve a Lease of Real Property with Verizon Wireless – Author/LeRoy N. Shingoitewa, Tribal Council Representative, Hopi Tribe1

7. **Action Item #068-2024** - to approve an Amendment to the OGC’s Budget - Author/Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel,

Office of the General Counsel

8. **Action Item #069-2024** - to approve applicants for membership in the Hopi Tribe - Author/LouEllen Nutumya, Enrollment Coordinator, Hopi Tribe Enrollment Office

9. **Action Item #070-2024** - to accept award for grant PLAZFVPS from the Department of Health and Human Services for the next five years - Author/Theron Honyumptewa, Victim Advocate Interim Director, Hopi Domestic Violence Office

10. **Action Item #073-2024** - to approve engineering consultant, ARDURRA, to enter into a contract with the Hopi Tribe to perform construction management services on Project No. HIR 2(12)-Kachina Point Road-Phase 1 for the Hopi Department of Transportation - Author/Leonard Scott, Civil Engineer Technician, Hopi Department of Transportation

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11. **Action Item #074-2024** - to withdraw the Village of Mishongnovi’s carry over funds for the years 2005-2020 - Author/Malinda Andrews, Chairperson, Village of Mishongnovi Board of Directors

12. Moenkopi Day School, Basic Financial Statement and Single Audit Reports, Year ended June 30, 2023 - Steven Toglia, CSA Moenkopi Day School

13. **Presentation:** Research on Native Deaf Communities & Request to Distribute Survey to Hopi Community - Dr. Malanie McKay-Cody, Assistant Professor, UofA

14. **Presentation:** 2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) - Brian Cole, Building Communities & Andrew Gashwazra, Director, OCPED/LIS

15. **Discussion & Possible Action** – Letter of Interest for Hopi Election Regular/Alternate member position from Meredith Qotswisiwma

16. Letter dated August 7, 2024 RE: Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee from Samuel R. Shingoitewa Jr.

17. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated August 23, 2024 From Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel. RE: Memorandum from Birgilyn Talas dated August 16, 2024.

18. **Discussion & Possible Action** - Email dated August 29, 2024 From Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel Re: ANDREWS NA AND LETTER 8.29.2024.

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**HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL**  
**4th Quarter Session**  
**MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024**  
**Agenda - PROPOSED, cont.,**

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**19. Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated September 18, 2024 RE: Letter of interest in serving on the Hopi Elections Committee. From Timothy Randolph - Chairman Nuvangyaoma

**20. Discussion & Possible Action** - Email dated September 25, 2024 From Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel RE: Justice Sekaquaptewa, Notice of Disclosure

**21. Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated September 30, 2024 From Wendell Honanie Sr., Kykotsmovi Tribal Representative RE: Resignation from the Pro Tem Designation - Hopi Tribal Council

**22. Discussion & Possible Action - Letter dated October 14, 2024** RE: Suspension of Vice Chairman Craig Andrews and Councilman Norman Honanie. From Leroy Shingoitewa, Upper Village of Moenkopi HTC Representative,

**23. Discussion & Possible Action** - Letter dated October 23, 2024 RE: Solid Waste Program bill and other matters. From Daile Sinquah, FMCV HTC Representative

**24. Letter dated October 4, 2024** - Request fro Time Certain Date with Hopi Tribal Council. From Eugene Talas, Chairperson, BOT - HTC proposed time certain fro October 23, 2024 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - **2nd Request received for November 4, 2024 time certain**

**25. Discussion & Possible Action** - Letters from Angeline Joseph dated October 3, 2024 RE: Grievance & Discharge with no due process.

**XII. REPORTS**

1. Office of the Chairman
2. Office of the Vice Chairman
3. Office of Tribal Secretary
4. Office of the Treasurer
5. Office of the General Counsel
6. Land Commission
7. Water/Energy Committee
8. Transportation Committee
9. Law & Order Committee
  - a. Letter dated July 21, 2024 - Timothy NV. Nelson regarding resignation of Hopi Conflict Prosecutor. **Tabled - Pending Report from Law & Order Committee**
10. Investment Committee
11. Health/Education Committee

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

\*Hopi Tribal Council may go into Executive Session on any agenda item

\*\*Time Certain Requests



Timothy Nuvangyaoma  
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**PROCLAMATION**

**"HOPI DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"**

**WHEREAS,** the Hopi Domestic Violence Program and the general Hopi Public have taken a proactive stand against domestic abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** the mission of Hopi Domestic Violence program is to break the cycle of domestic violence to restore peace and harmony throughout the Hopi Reservation through public education and awareness and strong collaboration between criminal justice and support agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** the Hopi Domestic Violence Program and its partners are working to expand collaborative partnerships with state, federal, and other tribal agencies to ensure that victims are safe to hold offenders accountable for their acts of domestic abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** the Hopi Domestic Violence Program pledges to provide consistent information to the general Hopi public related to issues of domestic violence.

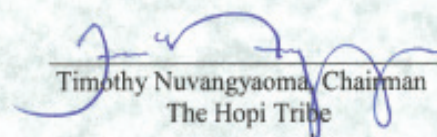
**WHEREAS,** this is the time to remember those who died at the hands of their intimate partner or family member as a result of domestic abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** the trauma associated with domestic abuse often has lifetime effects on survivors and their children that will likely, without intervention, result in negative consequences on future generations; and

**WHEREAS,** the strength, courage, and will of victims of domestic abuse to survive and to advance in a positive way beyond a life of abuse deserves the support and assistance of the entire Hopi community.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Chairman of the Hopi Tribe, and I Craig Andrews, Vice-Chairman of the Hopi Tribe, do hereby proclaim October, 2024 as "**Hopi Domestic Violence Awareness Month**" and join the Nation and the Arizona Governor's Office for Domestic Prevention, in urging all people throughout the Hopi Reservation to pledge "**Zero Tolerance**" against domestic Violence.

EXECUTED THIS 1st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024  
Kykotsmovi, Arizona

  
Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Chairman  
The Hopi Tribe



  
Craig Andrews, Vice Chairman  
The Hopi Tribe

## Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response - **Re-publication**

Submitted By Joyce Hamilton, Director

**Kykostmovi, Ariz. – June 26, 2024** Immunizations are your best defense against severe illness if you are diagnosed with the Flu, RSV and CIVID-19. The season of germs and viruses will continue to be amongst us; the best protection to avoid severe illness and sickness is to get updated on your family's immunizations. You may have been hearing family discussing COVID-19 diagnosis being a result of large gatherings within the month of June. Gatherings with family during the summer season is common due to the ceremonial and cultural activities, graduation celebrations, birthday celebrations and planting parties.

The Hopi Health Care Center encourages and recommends the following:

1. Everyone 6 months and older, regardless of current vaccination status, should get an updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect against COVID-19 illness.
2. People with symptoms should still mask and get tested for COVID-19.

3. Those with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 illness should continue to follow current guidelines for isolation including staying home and wearing a mask around others for at least 5 days after their symptoms started or after a positive test if no symptoms.

4. Those exposed to COVID-19 should continue to follow recommendations including wearing a mask around others.

5. People may choose to wear a mask at any time based on personal preference, but may be required in other places by local authorities (i.e., individual villages, businesses, and schools).

Many individuals and family members have deterred from the practice of wiping down frequently touched surfaces and staying home when ill. Get back in the habit of wiping down frequently touched surfaces to eliminate germs to protect family from illness. Most important message is for one to stay home if you have flu like symptoms to avoid getting others ill.

For questions regarding services you may contact the Department of Health and Human Services at Jhamilton@hopi.nsn.us

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## Courage and Hope: The Journey of Two Cancer Survivors at Tuba City

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Tuba City, Ariz. — October 30, 2024** Every Monday and Tuesday, Muriel Goldtooth, a 46-year-old mother of two, experiences nosebleeds as a side effect of her weekly chemotherapy treatments at Tuba City Regional Health Care's Specialty Care Center. "That's on my good days when my condition is somewhat normal," she shares with a smile.

Last November, Muriel decided to get a mammography exam at the TCRHCC, despite having no symptoms of cancer. "I was initially anxious, but I ultimately decided to go in for a mammogram. I wanted to be sure and understand the process, especially after hearing about a coworker's experience," she recalls.

The mammography led to further tests before Muriel learned that she had cancer. "I was in disbelief," she said. "It took me a month to process what was happening and to understand the doctor's words. I didn't cry."

Muriel's unexpected diagnosis contrasts with the story of LeRoy Shin-goitewa, a 79-year-old long-time educator. Almost 25 years ago, LeRoy unexpectedly fainted while at his school and taken to the hospital. "They found a polyp in my large intestine. It wasn't too bad initially, so I delayed surgery for a year, but we kept monitoring it. Eventually, they operated and removed it," he said.

For two decades, LeRoy was fine, following regular check-ups every five years. But in 2022, during a routine check-up, doctors discovered he had multiple myeloma, a rare blood cancer affecting various body parts. "My first thoughts were, 'What does this mean?' and 'How bad is it?'"

When you hear 'cancer,' many things run through your mind. The first being, 'How long do I have to live?'"

### Navigating Treatment and Recovery

Muriel's surgery was initially delayed due to COVID-19 and was scheduled early this year. She faced tough decisions regarding her treatment options and chose to have both breasts removed to prevent future complications. This decision extended her chemotherapy by another six weeks. "I didn't want to risk cancer cells spreading. It was my choice, and it gave me a sense of control," she explains.

Since her surgery, Muriel has been visiting the Specialty Care Center for treatment. "Wednesdays are chemo days, and I'm there from 9 a.m. until six or seven in the evening. I feel nauseated and weary for days afterward. Losing my hair was the most devastating part. I cried the whole weekend, but then I decided to take control. It's my choice, and my hair will grow back."

"I am self-aware of how I look and how people look at me," she said about her hair loss. "They look at me like 'whoa.' Because I have no hair. I tell myself 'Hey, it's okay. It's fine. I'm going through something. It's a badge of honor.'"

Mood change is another symptom. "I get really angry. I know that anger comes from thinking why did I get this? Why did it happen to me?" she said. "It's hard not to think that way. I have to think, you are going to be okay. You're going to get out of this. That's when I feel sad."

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## Defendant pleads no contest in shooting of Native activist at protest of Spanish conquistador statue



5 of 5 | FILE - Ryan Martinez, seated, cries during his preliminary and detention hearing in Tierra Amarilla, N.M., Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, as his attorney Nicole Moss, describes the events that led to him allegedly shooting Jacob Johns during a rally outside the Rio Arriba County Complex in Espanola. (Eddie Moore/The Albuquerque Journal via AP, File)

BY: MORGAN LEE – AP NEWS, U.S. NEWS

**SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Updated 6:31 PM GMT-7, October 7, 2024** A New Mexico man pleaded no contest Monday to reduced charges of aggravated battery and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the shooting of a Native American activist during demonstrations about abandoned plans to reinstall a statue of a Spanish conquistador.

Ryan David Martinez skuttled his scheduled trial this week at the outset of jury selection on previous charges including attempted murder. Under terms of the plea arrangement, he accepted a combined 9 1/2-year sentence but ultimately would serve four years in prison with two years' parole if he complies with terms including restitution.

Prosecutors agreed to dismiss a possible hate-crime sentence enhancement. Restitution will be determined later by state probation and parole authorities.

Martinez was arrested in September 2023 after chaos erupted and a single shot was fired at an outdoor gathering in Espanola over aborted plans to install a bronze likeness of conquistador Juan de Oñate, who is both revered and reviled for his role in establishing early settlements along the Upper Rio Grande starting in 1598.

Multiple videos show that Martinez attempted to rush toward a makeshift shrine in opposition to installing the statue — only for Martinez to be blocked physically by a group of men. Voices can be heard saying, “Let him go,” as Martinez retreated over a short wall, pulls a handgun from his waist and fires one shot. The shooting severely wounded Jacob Johns, of Spokane, Washington, an artist and well-traveled activist for environmental causes and an advocate for Native American rights who is of Hopi and Akimel O’odham tribal ancestry.

The assault charge stems from Martinez also pointing the gun at a female activist from the Española area before fleeing.

In a statement, Johns said he was disappointed with the plea agreement and said he still regards the shooting as a crime motivated by racial hatred and “a continuation of colonial violence.”

“The lifelong scars and injuries, loss of an internal organ, mental anguish and trauma will be with me forever — and in a couple of years Martinez will live free,” Johns said.

Attorneys for Martinez did not immediately respond to phone and email messages. They have argued that Martinez acted in self-defense.

Santa Fe-based District Attorney Mary Carmack-Altwies led the prosecution of Martinez and commended Johns and other witnesses to the attack for their resolve.

“The Defendant came into our community, armed with a firearm, to create and stir political discord,” she said in a statement.

The shooting took place the day after Rio Arriba County officials canceled plans to install the statue in the courtyard of a county government complex. The bronze statue was taken off public display in June 2020 from a highway-side heritage center amid simmering tensions over monuments to colonial-era history.

Oñate is celebrated as a cultural father figure in communities along the Upper Rio Grande that trace their ancestry to Spanish settlers. But he is also reviled for his brutality.

To Native Americans, Oñate is known for having ordered the right foot cut off of 24 captive tribal warriors after his soldiers stormed the Acoma Pueblo’s mesa-top “sky city.” That attack was precipitated by the killing of Oñate’s nephew.



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## Biden issues formal apology for treatment of Indigenous children within federal boarding schools, *contin...*

“It’s been a long time coming, and it should have happened sooner, honestly,” Titla said. “It doesn’t erase what happened, but an apology was a start. It’s meaningful, and I’m glad that the President is doing it.”

Patty Talahongva remembers arriving at the Phoenix Indian School in 1978. She was subject to military-like conditions that many boarding schools in the U.S. practiced.

“It became very emotional,” she said. “It was more emotional than I expected. I wish my grandmother was here to hear this apology. Would she accept it? Would my great-grandfather accept it? My great uncles and aunts? So this is a step in the right direction, but there’s a heck of a lot more work to be done.”

Many who witnessed the apology firsthand wonder what else will be done. Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren hopes to see some of Secretary Haaland’s policies put into practice.

“My hope is that we got the apology, now he can put some resources behind some of the recommendations that Secretary Holland provided,” Nygren said.

During his speech, Biden not only recognized the past treatment of Indigenous people, but looked at the many contributions his administration made to Indigenous communities:

- \$32 billion in the American Rescue Plan, the largest direct federal investment in Tribal Nations in history.
- \$13 billion in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to build high-speed internet, roads, bridges, public transit and clean water sanitation infrastructure in Tribal communities.
- \$700 million in the Inflation Reduction Act to invest in Native communities for climate resilience and adaptation programs, drought mitigation, home electrification and clean energy development.
- Obligating billions of federal contract dollars – and significant percentages of agencies’ overall procurement dollars – to Native-owned or controlled businesses through the Buy Indian Act, a law that has been re-invigorated under the Biden-Harris Administration.

Biden hopes that future administrations uphold these values and continue to honor and give recognition to the Indigenous peoples of this country.

“For too long, this nation sought to silence the voices of generations of native children, but now their voices are being heard,” he said. “That’s the America we should be. That’s the America we can all be proud of, that’s who we are.”

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#### Hopi Telecommunications Inc. construction updates

*for Fiber To The Premise project continues to move along for completion.*

**Keams Canyon—October 22, 2024** — Hopi Telecommunications Inc. has completed prework for several areas on Hopi with installing fiber. Some areas have fiber in place; however, this does not mean it is accessible yet.

The process has been to put a casing in place first, serving as protection for the fiber to be pulled through it. The casing is the orange tubing being placed in the ground and along AZ State Hwy. 264. Some areas still are in progress with putting in that casing. Due to local terrain of sandstone and accurately locating water lines, have been obstacles for some areas. The work continues despite.

Keams Canyon to Sunlight Mission is complete with the prework and fiber is in the ground but not active for use. Once all fiber is placed is when in full is when HTI will convert over to using the fiber.

Respecting the Hopi calendar with ceremonies and seasons limits HTI construction crews during these times and work is put on halt. Other work is done in lieu of restrictions, keeping in line with what can be completed.

Being proactive with communication and cooperation throughout Hopi is key with villages, schools, businesses and organizations to keeping open dialogue about the project.

#### Customer Impact:

Cooperation is needed from customers with work to be done at individual homes, schools, businesses and organizations with clearing their areas for the next step with new equipment to be installed onto homes and buildings. Having the areas clear will assist with the ease of installation of fiber components at each site. More information will be forthcoming.

#### Customer Relations

Hopi Telecommunications Inc. encourages customers to call the local office at 928-738-HOPI (4674) if there are further questions. HTI offers open and transparent communication in bringing fiber to the Hopi Reservation.

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## Courage and Hope: The Journey of Two Cancer Survivors at Tuba City, continued...

LeRoy's treatment began in March 2020. "My initial dose was strong. Whatever I ate went right through me, and I lost 45 pounds," he recounts. After three and a half years of treatment, he now gets fewer shots, and he feels stronger.

Muriel chose to get her treatment at TCRHCC to avoid the financial challenges of traveling to Phoenix. "I like the staff here; they are knowledgeable and supportive. My family, co-workers, and the Tuba City community provide me with incredible support," Muriel also said. "After my surgery my students, were sending me videos, messages, and emails all throughout recovery; which was uplifting."

### Importance of Support and Advocacy

Muriel's emotional journey is supported by her family and students. She says, "When I feel depressed after chemo, seeing my family and students lifts me up. Their support helps me push through." Her husband and two children, especially her 21-year-old, have been her pillars of strength.

LeRoy's outlook on life has changed significantly. "I've learned to appreciate everything around me—family, friends, and the caring community at the Specialty Care Center. My focus now is on helping others with cancer and spreading hope.

The Specialty Care Center's role in their recovery is profound. Tanya Riggs, Director of the Center said, "Receiving care close to home, with the support of family, traditional healing, and spiritual systems, empowers our patients and gives them hope. Our team, comprised of tribal community members, understands the principle of Ke' and the importance of relationships with patients, their families, and caregivers. This improves cancer survivorship and the patient experience."

### Spreading the Message of Early Detection

When Muriel returned to work in April, her first message to her colleagues was: "You guys better get screened! Go get tested because it's crucial. You never know if you have it — I didn't." Some took her advice.

Both Muriel and LeRoy are now in recovery, continuing their treatments. "Live your life to the fullest because you never know when it's going to change. It really makes you evaluate your life and how you can make it better," Muriel said.

LeRoy emphasized the importance of community and support. "My outlook on life is now about working with my family and helping others with cancer.

"Early detection can save lives, providing hope and a brighter future," said Chief Executive Officer Joette Walters. "We urge people to schedule a screening today – for yourself, for your loved ones. "Treatment is crucial for a good life."

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Muriel Goldtooth pictured above

LeRoy Shingoitewa pictured above

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# Kelly Statement on President Biden's Apology for the Federal Indian Boarding School Era

For Immediate Release

By: [Press@Kelly.Senate.Gov](mailto:Press@Kelly.Senate.Gov)

**Washington, DC - October 25, 2024** Today, Arizona Senator Mark Kelly released the following statement after attending President Biden's apology for the Federal Indian Boarding School Era at the Gila River Indian Community:

"President Biden took an important and overdue step in acknowledging the serious harm caused by Indian boarding schools—a painful chapter in our nation's history that is still felt in Native American communities, including Arizona's 22 federally-recognized tribes.

"For generations, Native children were taken from their families and communities in an inhumane attempt to erase their culture that led to the abuse and even murder of young students. This apology is a powerful reminder of the resilience of Indigenous peoples and the importance of striving to live up to our highest ideals as a nation.

"As the Senator for Arizona, I'm committed to supporting Tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and cultural preservation. I'm grateful for President Biden's leadership in strengthening our partnerships with Tribal Nations, and I look forward to continuing the work to right these wrongs, address longstanding injustices, and ensure Native voices are central in shaping the future of our state and our country."

According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, there were 47 Federal Indian Boarding Schools in Arizona, the second highest of any state in the country, accounting for about 12 percent of the total schools.

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# Apology Opens Doors To Healing And Restoration

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By: StrongHearts Native Helpline

**Eagan, Minn. - October 25, 2024** "We acknowledge President Joseph Biden as the first to formally apologize to Native Americans for the mistreatment of our children in Indian Boarding Schools. His eloquent speech recounted Native children forcibly taken from their parents to boarding schools - some as young as toddlers - who grew up in a world of trauma and forced assimilation. Deprived of love, family, and community, many did not survive and if they did, they returned to their communities as strangers." said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline.

Native Americans experience some of the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence across the nation. Our experience of violence is related and connected to the historical trauma experienced by our relatives, which has been passed down from generation to generation due to the lack of resources dedicated to healing.

The majority of American Indian and Alaska Native victims have experienced violence at the hands of at least one interracial perpetrator in their lifetime — 97 percent of female victims and 90 percent of male victims.

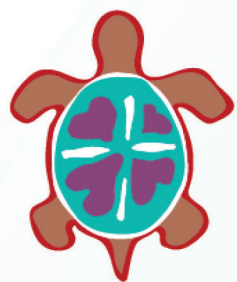
Now in its seventh year of operation, StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally appropriate helpline for American Indian and Alaska Native survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Advocates have answered over 60,000 calls, texts, and chats and made over 27,000 referrals to resources.

"This apology comes from a leader with more than half a century serving the United States government. A president who understands that truth and reconciliation is required for healing to occur," concluded Jump. "It is our deepest hope that the apology opens the doors to restoration of those things lost due to boarding school era policies - our culture, traditions, and most importantly our languages."

StrongHearts Native Helpline serves all individuals who reach out for services regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or any other factor protected by local, state, or federal law. Advocates are available 24/7. Call or text 1-844-762-8483 or to chat online, visit our website at [strongheartshelpline.org](http://strongheartshelpline.org).

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