

# TRIBAL NATIONS ALERT

## AMERICAN INDIAN RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT



### 1994 PEYOTE AMENDMENTS 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*November 18-20, 2024*  
**Washington, D.C.**



## ***INDIAN COUNTRY CALL TO CONVENE***

The Native American Church of North America is calling on Indian country to join ceremonial practitioners and advocates as we take to the Hill in celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landmark American Indian Religious Freedom Act amendments of 1994.

The 75-year-old Native American Church of North America is the proud host of this convening, we welcome the National Congress of American Indians as a co-sponsor.

The historic legislative victory of AIRFA will be celebrated through a series of activities including the following: an honoring of key principles - NACNA Congressional Briefing – a panel titled “*Realizing the Promise of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act*” Keynote address Suzan Harjo - Advocacy training - Congressional Reception - Hill Day Congressional visits - Peyote Ceremony and much more.

On November 18<sup>th</sup> 2pm the Kennedy Caucus Room in Russell Senate Office Building (rm 325) will swing open its doors for “*American Indian Religious Freedom Summit*” participants including tribal leaders, ceremonial practitioners, cultural advocates and stakeholders in Indian country’s pursuit of free exercise. A historic Congressional Briefing will launch the Summit. This briefing will address threats to Peyote and other medicine habitat, the federal trust obligation to AIRFA and legislative proposals to address the growing crisis in habitat preservation.

November 19<sup>th</sup> the American Indian Religious Freedom Summit will convene in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Hearing room Dirksen Senate Office Building (rm 628). Suzan Harjo one of the principles of the 1978 American Indian Religious Freedom Act will offer reflections through her Keynote address. An esteemed panel titled “Realizing the Promise of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act” will follow, Congressional members and Biden Administration Staff will offer expressions. The day will conclude with a Capitol Hill reception on the House of Representatives side.

Hill Day will take place Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Native American Church of North America will facilitate Hill visits with Congressional Staff provided participants request participation and register one week prior to the event. Registration form attached.

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Attendee Registration Form

(No Fee)

<b>Prefix</b>	
<b>First Name</b>	
<b>Last Name</b>	
<b>Credentials</b>	
<b>Tribe/Organization</b>	
<b>E-Mail</b>	
<b>Mailing Address</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>	
November 19 ~ Attending Capitol Hill Reception	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>
November 20 ~ Attending Hill Day	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>

Please e-mail form to Jessica Williams, NACNA Secretary by Saturday, November 9, 2024

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