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AICAF SUPPORTS BIDEN PROCLAIMING APRIL AS NATIONAL CANCER PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION MONTH

ST. PAUL, MN— President Biden's recent proclamation designating April as National Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Month is the latest step in Biden re-igniting the Cancer Moonshot initiative aimed at mobilizing a nationwide effort to end cancer as we know it.

According to the White House's <u>Cancer Moonshot site</u>, the President and First Lady have set two clear goals: To prevent more than 4 million cancer deaths by 2047 and to improve the experience of people who are touched by cancer.

AICAF is proud to be a valued partner collaborating with Biden's Cancer Cabinet, as we continue our work to eliminate the cancer burdens of Native people through improved access to prevention, early detection, treatment, and survivor support through an Indigenous perspective.

Our commitment to Reclaiming Indigenous Health is deeply rooted in our cultural values, which guide every aspect of our work. We strive to lead important conversations within our community, like our recent webinar on Native resiliency and the path forward for closing the gap on colorectal cancer, that shed light on the impact cancer has had on our relatives and fostering a path toward healing and empowerment.

We are dedicated to being a partner trusted by Tribal and urban community members, leaders, health care providers, and others working toward effective and sustainable cancer solutions. Our latest resources, including screenings for <u>women</u> and <u>men</u> by decade, exemplify our commitment to providing culturally tailored resources for our relatives.

Our ongoing efforts in <u>prevention and policy</u> are crucial as we actively involve, educate, and empower American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities to implement healthy lifestyle practices that can help reduce cancer risks in Indian Country.

The invaluable support of our partners across Indian Country is vital to our mission, as mentioned in our <u>2023 Annual Report</u>. This report highlights the importance of cancer prevention and early detection while also detailing the significant impact unrestricted funding has on programming.

As we continue to move forward in the fight against cancer, we welcome and encourage further collaboration and support from partners, stakeholders, change makers, and community members alike. Together, we can work towards a future where cancer disparities are eradicated, and all individuals have access to efficient, equitable, and effective cancer care.

For more information on our initiatives or to explore partnership opportunities, please visit AmericanIndianCancer.org or contact info@aicaf.org.

Read the President and First Lady's full proclamation here: <u>A Proclamation on National Cancer</u> Prevention and Early Detection Month, 2024

About the American Indian Cancer Foundation

AICAF is a national Native-led and Native-governed non-profit organization established to address the tremendous cancer burdens faced by Native people. AICAF strives to be a partner trusted by tribes and organizations, working toward effective and sustainable cancer solutions based on cultural teachings and wisdom. Americanindian cancer.org

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