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North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission and North Dakota Historical Society Announce New Schedule for Native American Hall of Honor

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission, in partnership with the North Dakota Historical Society, is announcing a new timeframe for the Native American Hall of Honor. The Hall of Honor celebration will transition to a biennial schedule, with the next induction ceremony set for **Fall 2027**.

The adjustment ensures alignment with key state events and allows for greater participation from tribal and state leaders. By shifting to an odd-year schedule, the celebration will avoid conflicts with legislative preparation in even years, ensuring a more focused and inclusive event.

Applications for the 2027 Hall of Honor will open in 2026, providing an opportunity to recognize outstanding Native American leaders who have significantly contributed to Arts & Culture, Athletics, Leadership, and Veterans.

“The Native American Hall of Honor is a meaningful way to celebrate the achievements of Indigenous leaders across North Dakota,” said Brad Hawk, Executive Director of the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission. By transitioning to a biennial schedule, we can enhance the recognition process and continue to honor those who have profoundly shaped our communities.

For more information about the Native American Hall of Honor or to stay updated on the nomination process, visit <https://www.indianaffairs.nd.gov/> or contact the North Dakota Indian Affairs office at 701-328-2428

About the Native American Hall of Honor

The Native American Hall of Honor is an annual recognition program housed at the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum. It honors Native Americans who have made lasting contributions to their communities and the state in the areas of Arts and culture, Athletics, Leadership, and Veterans. Inductees are recognized through a formal ceremony and a permanent display showcasing their legacy.