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Dear Tribal Leader:

SUBJECT: Tribal Mural unveiling thanks to your support!

Last year, the Health Care Authority (HCA) sent a Dear Tribal Leader Letter inviting Tribes to share their logo for a special Tribal Mural project. The purpose of the Tribal Mural is to celebrate our state's government-to-government relationship with Tribes. It highlights HCA's unique partnership with Tribes, who are crucial in our work as an agency and a state.

We are excited to announce the unveiling of the mural which represents every federally recognized Tribe in Washington State.

What the Tribal Mural looks like



One wall (center) showcases a blanket given to HCA Deputy Director Lou McDermott during a special Tribal ceremony. Surrounding the blanket are the logos of each Tribe. The other wall (left) shows a map of Washington State with a list of Tribe names on either side. The top of this wall reads "Since time immemorial..."

The finishing touch on this map will include a pin showing the geographical location of each Tribe.

Our gratitude to Tribes

The Tribal Mural required a great deal of collaboration between Tribes and our Office of Tribal Affairs and Communications teams. We deeply thank you for your support and patience and working with us to ensure your Tribe's logo could be printed as clearly as possible.

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Plan to unveil the Tribal Mural

For those attending the Monthly Tribal Meeting (in person or virtually) on Wednesday, March 12, we plan to showcase the mural here at Cherry Street Plaza. You are also welcome to view the mural in person during the Monthly Tribal Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Again, thank you for your partnership. We deeply value and honor our work in serving Tribes and Native communities.

For questions or comments about the Tribal Mural, please contact Aren Sparck at aren.sparck@hca.wa.gov.

Please forward this information to anyone who may be interested.

Sincerely,



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