



SPIRIT LAKE TRIBE

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Spirit Lake Nation Stands Strong: Addressing Concerns About ICE Actions

Recent reports of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids and detentions in Indian Country have caused fear and uncertainty for many Native people across the nation. As Chairwoman of Spirit Lake Nation, I want to assure you that we are a sovereign Nation, and our sovereignty protects our people. We stand united in our commitment to ensuring the safety, rights, and well-being of every member of our community.

Your Rights and Safety Are Protected

Spirit Lake Nation's sovereignty means that we have the power to govern ourselves and protect our people. Our members are citizens of the United States as well as citizens of Spirit Lake Nation. This dual citizenship is your legal right, recognized by laws such as the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924. You do not need to be afraid—your identity as a member of this sovereign Nation is protected by federal and tribal law.

Tribal CIBD Document: A Key Step for Protection

To address concerns about identification, we are taking immediate steps to ensure every enrolled member has access to a Certificate of Indian Blood Degree (CIBD). This document serves as proof of your membership in Spirit Lake Nation and is recognized by federal, state, and local authorities. Carrying your Tribal documents always can reduce the risk of wrongful detention or confusion during interactions with authorities.

We are committed to making this process accessible to all members, whether you live on or off the reservation.

Information

CIBD: Tribal Enrollment will issue you upon request a copy of your Certificate of Indian Blood Degree (CIBD); which will act as proof of citizenship and tribal enrollment. The produced Tribal document cannot be faxed but can be either emailed or mailed through the US Postal Service.

Tribal ID: Tribal IDs are still regularly available by filling out the necessary paperwork. More information can be found on the Tribes website <http://www.spiritlakenation.com/programs/departments/enrollment/> or by contacting Tribal Enrollment at 701-230-0866.

Further information regarding Tribal IDs will be provided as it becomes available.

Spirit Lake Nation is built on the resilience of our ancestors and the strength of our people. We have faced challenges before and overcome them together. This is no different. We will continue to protect our community and preserve the rights that come with our sovereignty. No matter what uncertainties arise, we are stronger when we stand united.

If you have questions or need assistance, please reach out to the Tribal Enrollment Office. We are here to help.

Contact Information: Enrollment Office

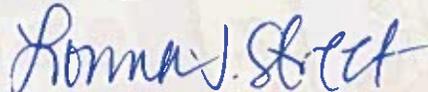
Phone: (701) 230-0886

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Spirit Lake Nation remains steadfast in its mission to support and protect our members. Together, we will navigate these times with strength and unity.

Sincerely,



Lonna J. Street

Chairwoman

Spirit Lake Nation