

## Utah Division of Indian Affairs, FY 2009 Annual Report

- **Native American Summit 2009:** The 4th Annual Native American Summit was conducted September 2-3 at Thanksgiving Point, Lehi, Utah. Approximately 225 tribal and state officials participated in the summit. Governor Gary L. Herbert addressed the group, presided over the first day of the Summit, and met with tribal officials. Lt. Governor Gregory S. Bell presided over the second day which focused on presentations in the areas of education, health, economic development, and public safety. The Division contributed to the economic development segment of the NA Summit.
- **Repatriation of Indian Remains and Rule 230:** There were four (4) meetings of the Native American Remains Review Committee conducted according to statute during fiscal year 2009. We have continued our repatriation efforts and have facilitated the repatriation of one claim, have processed 5 other specific sets of remains, and laid to rest group collections (25 individuals) of human remains into the burial vault located at *This is the Place Heritage Park*. We are pleased to report the adjustments made to the statute and Administrative Rules in previous years are working successfully at this time.
- **American Indian Digitization Project:** The contracted goal was to scan 10,000 pages of difficult to access primary and secondary sources about the history and culture of Utah's American Indian peoples, and to place those sources in a keyword searchable digital archive. We are pleased to report that as of June 2009, a grand total of 24,592 pages have been scanned in the archive and we continue to add more. Currently the archive holds 174 photographs, 277 oral histories (both transcripts and audio recordings), 62 maps, 33 books, and hundreds of documents.
- **We Shall Remain:** This was the signature project for the Division of Indian Affairs. It had two components: 1) Production of five 30 minute film documentaries on the histories of Utah's American Indian tribes; and 2) A Utah Indian Curriculum Guide.

The Division contracted with KUED – Channel 7 to produce the film documentaries. The documentaries were completed as planned and aired April 13, 2009. The Division contracted with the American West Center at the University of Utah, who partnered with the Utah Indian tribes, KUED-7, and the Utah State Office of Education to produce the *We Shall Remain Utah Indian Curriculum Guide* (UICG). 2000 copies of the UICG were printed as planned. UICG provides educators, for the first time, with a comprehensive resource that will support teaching the unique history and culture of the Ute, Navajo, Goshute, Southern Paiute, and Northwest Band of the Shoshone nations. UICG consists of twenty-four complete lesson plans, eight each for 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> grade. Each lesson plan is grade-leveled, tied to NCSS Standards, Utah State Standards, and Accreditation Competencies, and each has detailed objectives and procedures.

- **Utah Tribal Emergency Response Committee (UTERC):** A significant amount of coordination has taken place between the State Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and various tribal emergency response personnel.
- **Indian Education:** The USOE Indian Education Specialist has met with our office once per month throughout the fiscal year. Dr. Harold Foster has contributed outstanding service to Utah's Indian tribes in keeping them informed of all developments and opportunities and services for the benefit of

Utah's American Indian students.

- **Intergovernmental Relations:** The Division continues to promote positive relationships and dialogue between Utah Tribal leaders, the Governor's Office, and the State of Utah, through annual meetings with the Utah Legislature.
  - This year's **Indian Caucus Day**, January 27, 2009, was again very successful. We had several legislators attend and participate in our day long activities.
  - The Indian Affairs division director reported to Utah Tribal leaders on five occasions this past year.
  - The director continues to provide over 100 informational presentations to schools, colleges, social clubs, and various civic organizations. These presentations serve to promote understanding and positive relations among all citizens of the State of Utah. The Division continues to utilize PowerPoint presentations in three general areas: Tribal Government, Education, and Business.
  
- **Partnerships:** UDIA has partnered with:
  - University of Utah American West Center and Marriott Library – Special Collections, to implement a digitization project.
  - American Express for the Native American Summit economic development committee in developing goals for the Summit and sponsored an outstanding training program entitled, "Building Nations." The latter was done in cooperation with Native Nations Institute formerly associated with the Harvard American Indian Program.
  
- **Indian Housing:** The Utah Division of Indian Affairs, Utah Indian Housing Council, Utah Division of Housing and Community Development, and American Express have partnered with Oweesta First Nations Corporation to explore the possibility of creating a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). A CDFI is an organization dedicated to providing development services and various types of financial services (checking, savings, consumer loans, business loans, housing loans, etc.) to Native communities encouraging them to become strong and self-sufficient. CDFI's include loan funds, banks, credit union/associations and venture capital institutions. A Native CDFI works for the betterment of a Native community and can be located anywhere there is a significant Native population, whether it is on a reservation or in a metropolitan area – as long as the institution is truly serving that Native population. Oweesta First Nations Corporation has been hired to complete a comprehensive survey of Utah's Native housing needs and present the findings at the 2010 Native American Summit.
  
- **Indigenous Day:** This years Indigenous Day awards reception was a success with over a hundred people in attendance. The November 2008 event was held at the Sheraton downtown Salt Lake City. Honorees included Mary Dickson and Ken Verdoia from KUED for their work on the "We Shall Remain" documentaries and Shane Armstrong, the Boy Scout who was responsible for the re-burial of Blackhawk to the place of his birth.
  
- **Legislative Initiatives:** The following American Indian related bills passed:

HB 265	Postmortem Procedures Amendments
HJR 5S01	Joint Resolution Supporting Needed Improvements in the Navajo Nation's Ability to Collect and Track Child Support Payments
SB 037	Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-violence Coordinating Council Amendments
SB 111	Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program Amendments

