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# U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough visits Hopi on July 24, 2023 During the Veterans Training Summit

**By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor**

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – July 24, 2023** Hopi Veterans Office and Moencopi Day School hosted the one-day VETERANS TRAINING SUMMIT at which U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough visited and listened to questions and concern expressed by Hopi Veterans who attended the event.

The Agenda for the event was full and began with a Welcome address scheduled for Zaneta I. Adams, Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS), VA Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs (OPIA) to provide followed by the Posting of Colors by Lori Piestewa American Legion Post 80. The Invocation was provided by Brant Honahnie, U.S. Marine Corp and Vietnam War Veteran, Kodal Kiva Leader Moenkopi Upper Village. Welcome addresses were provided by Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Chairman of the Hopi Tribe, Buu Nygren, President of the Navajo Nation, Dana Allmond, Director, Arizona Department of Veterans Services and Senior Official, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Objectives for the event, as listed in the agenda were listed as, “The goal of this Summit is to invite Tribal leadership, Tribal Veterans, and Tribal Health Directors from within the Southwest Region as well as the VA Administrations to collaborate, educate, network, and build relationships to better serve Veterans and their families. This meeting also will serve as an education session on VA benefits and services.

The Mission also described by the Office of Tribal Government Relations that, “The VA consults with American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments to develop partnerships that enhance access to services and benefits by Veterans and their families.”

With the Vision of the Office of Tribal Government Relations being described as, “The VA has positive relationships with American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments and is part of the landscape of Indian Country. Every Veteran receives excellent services that are holistic in nature and that lead to optimal health. American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments view the VA as an organization of integrity that advocates for their needs. The VA demonstrates its commitment to Veterans by being culturally competent, respecting the unique sovereign status of Tribes, and reaching Veterans in Indian Country. Veterans know how to access all VA services and benefits and are woven into the fabric of the VA.”

Objectives of the Office of Tribal Government Relations were also shared and listed as the following:

1. Increase Veterans access to health care and benefits
  - a. Implement Copay Exemption
  - b. Stand Up Office of Tribal Health
  - c. Strengthen Indian Health Service/Tribal Health Program/Urban Indian Organization
  - MOU Operational Plan
  - d. Expand Tribal HUD-VASH Program
  - e. Strengthen Reimbursement Agreement Program
  - f. Expand participation in Tribal Cemetery Grant Program
2. Economic Sustainability
  - a. Increase utilization of Native American Direct Loan Program
  - b. Increase utilization of Post 9/11 GI Bill

- c. Increase utilization of Veteran Readiness and Employment Program
- d. Increase access to Compensation and Pension
- e. Increase access to VA PACT Act benefits
- f. Increase access to federal employment opportunities
- g. Facilitate greater involvement by Tribes and American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans in small business development and federal contracting opportunities

## 3. Tribal Consultation

Topics covered included Health Care Benefits for Veterans, VA PACT Act: Who, What, Where, When, Why and How, VHA Reimbursement Agreement Program, VHA Office of Tribal Health, NCA Memorial, Burial and Cemetery Benefits, Native America Direct Home Loan (NADL) Program, VA Tribal Representative Expansion Project (T. Rep), Arizona Department of Veterans Services: Programs and Services, Native American Veteran Journey Map PACT Act Outreach to Native American Communities, VET Center Readjustment Counseling Services (RCS), VBA Veteran Readiness and Employment Services.



# Hopi Tutuveni is Hiring!

**By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor**

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – July 26, 2023** Hopi Tutuveni is the official newspaper of the Hopi Tribe and serves as an important source of news and information to the Hopi Communities, identified as a Regulated Entity in the Hopi Tribe Organization Chart. Hopi Tribal Council approved the Hopi Tutuveni By-Laws as established and approved oversight by the Hopi Tutuveni Editorial Board. Operations and management of the one and only Hopi newspaper are supported via the H13 General Fund with supplemental funding coming from advertising revenues.

The Office Manager position with Hopi Tutuveni is currently vacant and we are seeking well qualified individuals who may be interested in working to inform, educate and provide a community service to the Hopi people.

In accordance with the Position Description, “This position is responsible for efficient full range, secretarial and administrative work of moderate difficulty and complexity requiring applications in supervision, management, exercise of independent judgement and decision making abilities”

We are seeking an individual who is team oriented, flexible and able to work under quickly changing circumstances, while maintaining an understanding of the need for confidentiality and respect for role responsibilities.

We encourage candidates who are comfortable with being directly supervised by a Managing Editor as supported by the Editorial Board, with administrative support provided by the Office of the Chairman. Individuals comfortable with ever changing settings and in congruence with continuously changing Hopi community and worldly topics, would do well in the position.

We encourage candidates with experience serving or living in rural and under-resourced communities.

**Hiring of the Office Manager will be processed via the Hopi Tribe Human Resources Department, which operates with the following goals and requirements:**

## HR GOALS

- Make quality a part of the way we work.
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- Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of human resources at all levels.
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- Help make The Hopi Tribe a great place to work — professionally and personally.

## HR REQUIREMENTS

- Applications will be received by the following methods: Email: [HumanResources@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:HumanResources@hopi.nsn.us), Fax: 928-734-6611 and/or Mail: Office of Human Resources, PO Box 123, Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039
- It is important your application show all relevant education & experience you possess, to include Transcripts, Diplomas, Training Certificates, etc. Applications will not be considered if incomplete. HR will accept resumes however, the applicant understands that it is not in lieu of the application, “see attached resumes” on the application will not be accepted.
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- Human Resources accepts Employment Applications on a continuous basis for the Clerical, Labor and Police Officer Pool.
- **HOPI EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 002-2022 Hopi Phase Three Re-Opening and the Hopi Tribal Government Mandatory Vaccination Policy requires all employees to be fully vaccinated as a term and condition of employment.**

## HR DETAILS

### HOPI TUTUVENI OFFICE MANAGER POSITION

#### OFFICE MANAGER

- Job #: 0623-02
- Description: Download at <https://www.hopi-nsn.gov/tribal-services/human-resources/job-listings/>
- Closing Date: Open Until Filled
- Number of positions: 1
- Department: Hopi Tutuveni
- Hourly: \$15.11

Please contact the Office of Human Resources by phone at: 928-734-3212 via mail at PO Box 123, Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039 and/or via email at [humanresources@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:humanresources@hopi.nsn.us) for more details and information on the hiring process.





# HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

## 3rd Quarter Session

### July 3, 2023

## MONTH OF JULY 2023 AGENDA

### X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action - Letter dated by September 19, 2022 RE: Survey conducted by Hopi Elections Office from Dale Sinquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages – Tabled

2. Action Item #090-2022 – Intergovernmental Agreement between State of Arizona and the Hopi Tribe – Author/Donovan Gomez, Transit Administrator, Hopi Senom Transit – Tabled

3. Letter dated May 23, 2023 from Edison Tu'tsi, Chairman, Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation, Re: Auditor requires the Tribal Treasurer sign and return the Debt Confirmation Letter - Rosa Honani, Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi

### XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #060-2023 – The Hopi Tribal Council accepts the distribution to which it is entitled to under the Will of Robert Alan Wanke, Deceased, in the amount of \$64,951.35 – Author/Nada Talayumptewa, Tribal Treasurer, Hopi Tribal Council

2. Action Item #061-2023 – To approve and Adopt a Revised Investment Policy Statement – Author/Wallace Youvella, Jr., Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages.

3. Action Item #062-2023 – To amend Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-060-2022 – Mark Talayumptewa, Chair, Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee

4. Action Item #063-2023 – “Amended” Lease Option Agreement for the I-40 Solar Project – Edison Tu'tsi, Program Manager, Office of Hopi Lands Administration

5. Action Item #064-2023 – PH22-W19, Second Mesa Scattered Sewer and Community Water – Author/Andrew Larson, Project Engineer, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Hopi Health Care Center \*\*Time Certain, July 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

6. Action Item #065-2023 – PH22-W22, Kykotsmovi Whitebear Homes – Author/Andrew Larson, Project Engineer, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Hopi Health Care Center \*\*Time Certain, July 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

7. Action Item #066-2023 – PH22-W24, Hopi Solid Waste Landfill– Author/Andrew Larson, Project Engineer, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Hopi Health Care Center \*\*Time Certain, July 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

8. Action Item #067-2023 – PH22-W10, Lower Moencopi Water Storage Tank Replacement – Author/Andrew Larson, Project Engineer, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Hopi Health Care Center \*\*Time Certain, July 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

9. Action Item #068-2023 – PH22-W23, Shungopavi Hwy 264 Water & Sewer – Author/Andrew Larson, Project Engineer, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Hopi Health Care Center \*\*Time Certain, July 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

10. Action Item #069-2023 – PH22-W26, Mishongnovi (Rt. 17)

Water & Sewer – Author/Andrew Larson, Project Engineer, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Hopi Health Care Center \*\*Time Certain, July 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

11. Action Item #71-2023 – To renew a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Hopi Tribe (Tribe) and Northern Arizona University – Author/Stewart B. Koyiyumptewa, Program Manager, Cultural Preservation Office - \*\*Time Certain, July 6, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

12. Action Item #074-2023 – Approve eligible applicants to the Hopi Tribe membership roll – Author/Lamar Keevama, Director, Hopi Enrollment Office Item #053-2023

13. Notice of Relinquishment dated May 22, 2023 – Notice is Given of Relinquishment from the Hopi Tribe, Re. MTC – Author/Lamar Keevama, Director, Hopi Enrollment Office \*RECORD IS CONFIDENTIAL

14. Notice of Relinquishment Dated May 25, 2023 – Notice is Hereby Given of Relinquishment from the Hopi Tribe, Re. ARN – Author/Lamar Keevama, Director, Hopi Enrollment Office \*RECORD IS CONFIDENTIAL

15. Memorandum dated May 12, 2023 from Andrew Gashwazra, Director, OCPEDLIS, Re: to provide a presentation by Jadin Tech, LLC with a Renewable Energy and Storage Presentation – Rosa Honani, Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi - \*\*Time Certain, July 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

### XII. REPORTS

1. Office of the Chairman

2. Office of the Vice Chairman

3. Office of Tribal Secretary

4. Office of the Treasurer

5. Office of the General Counsel

6. Land Commission

7. Water/Energy Committee

8. Transportation Committee

9. Law & Order Committee

10. Investment Committee

a. Walpi Housing Management Agreement Communications – TABLED

11. Health/Education Committee

12. Pandemic Recovery Committee – Written Programmatic Report for May 2023

13. Hopi Education Endowment Fund – Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022

### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

**\*Hopi Tribal Council may go into Executive Session on any agenda item**

**\*\*Time Certain Requests**





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# Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee Announcement

*The Committee reports progress to the  
Hopi People*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: Racheal Povatah, HTPRC Secretary

Kykotsmovi, Ariz.-July 24, 2023 The Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee (HTPRC) announcement on July 14 was to inform folks about the progress the Committee is making which included:

- Funding provided to Villages or other entities that propose to undertake projects using the Fiscal Recovery Fund (FRF), funding is still available and HTPRC is continuing to accept applications. Applications and Eligible Cost guidelines are on <https://hopi-nsn.us>.
  - The Hopi Tribal Council approved electronic (on-line) submission of applications for the General Welfare Emergency Assistance Program (GWEAP) which is funds for eligible enrolled Tribal members. This may make it easier to apply.
    - o The on-line submission was not utilized during the disbursement of the CARES funds. Paper applications will also be available & accepted.
    - o Eligibility determination: Must be age 18 years old by December 31, 2022
    - o Applications **ARE NOT** available at this time. Committee is working on the details of developing the application, amount to be distributed, etc.
  - Announcements will be made through different media: Hopi Tribe web-page, FMCV The Crier, Hopi Tutuveni, KUYI Hopi Radio and by sharing through your own social media, Facebook, etc.
- Questions can be directed to Racheal Povatah, HTPRC Secretary @ 928.734.3392 or [RPovatah@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:RPovatah@hopi.nsn.us) or Mark Talayumptewa at [Mark.csa@kykotsmovi.com](mailto:Mark.csa@kykotsmovi.com).



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## Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response -Re-publication

Submitted by: Joyce Hamilton, Director - DHHS

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - June 2023** marks one year for the Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for occupancy of office space at the newly developed Turquoise Well Government complex. You may be asking yourself; “Where is the Turquoise Well government complex?” “What is the Turquoise Well Government complex?”

The Turquoise Well Government complex is the newly developed area on Hopi lands for Hopi Tribal offices which is located 15 miles northeast of the Hopi Cultural Center. The complex was developed in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for Tribal programs. DHHS Administration, Public Health Compliance and the Small Animal Control program have been working at the Turquoise Well complex since June 2022. In January 2023 the staff had to resort to teleworking due to mechanical failure of the generator which provides electrical power for day-to-day operations. DHHS Administration, Public Health Compliance and the Small Animal Control, are some of the programs affected however the staff of the programs continue to provide services, such as the recent Food Handler’s class held in the village of Bacavi and the tick prevention event. The DHHS Department Director can be reached via e-mail at Jhamilton@hopi.nsn.us or (928)207-6481.

Hopi Executive Order No. 002-2022 issued on March 3, 2022 continues to remain in place until such time the Hopi Tribal Leadership determines to lift the Executive Order. Data from the Hopi Health Care Center and surrounding health care facilities showcase a significant reduction in positive COVID-19 cases and data continues to be monitored and assessed.

Public Health Authority, Dr. Darren Vicenti, has been working in consultation with Tribal Leadership and local health centers in regards to COVID-19 cases and has determined that the number of positive cases remain low and will be defining next steps for data sharing.

Various sources of literature predicted that the COVID-19 virus will become endemic over time; what does that mean? An Endemic Disease means that the virus will continue to be present in a population or region with a relatively low spread OR there may be periods when it doesn’t affect people at all.

The straightforward message to the community is to seek medical advice from your local medical provider for proper care and guidance to avoid further spread to family members if you feel symptoms. The recommended public health practice is to continue with proper hand hygiene, staying home when feeling ill and most importantly get vaccinated.

Hopi Executive Order No. 002-2022 language indicates the following:

1. It is recommended that everyone ages 5-years and older get a complete series of the COVID-19 vaccine (mandatory for tribal government employees).
2. Face covering use shall be required inside all public facilities and buildings, and certain common areas. (lifted Hopi Executive Order No. 001-2023)
3. The Hopi Law Enforcement Services and health professionals, including community workers will coordinate with village leaders and village security officers to allow for welfare checks and other health-related contacts.

The Hopi Community Health Services (CHR) program continues to make available COVID-19 home test kits. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as hand sanitizers, face masks and sanitary wipes are limited and will be issued if supplies are available. Contact the Hopi CHR program at (928)737-6342 if you have questions.

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## Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT - Unplanned Information Technology Outage Notification

Submitted by: George R. Joe Creative Copywriter - Office of Communications TCRHCC

**Tuba City, Ariz. July 27, 2023** Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation (TCRHCC), LeChee Health Center, Sacred Peaks Health Center and satellite locations are currently experiencing a critical Information Technology (IT) issue. Due to unforeseen circumstances, on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 9:00 p.m. we lost power to our IT infrastructure resulting in a downtime of our data processing systems.

Please be assured that our dedicated team is working tirelessly to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. However, during this downtime period, we anticipate delays in various aspects of our services.

**Impact on services:** During this downtime period, there may be disruptions in several areas:

1. **Communication:** TCRHCC Switchboard number is (866) 976-5941. Currently, we are unable to verify appointments and transfer calls to reach requested Departments.
2. **Appointment Scheduling:** Our ability to schedule and manage appointments may be limited.
3. **Access to Medical Records:** Access to patient medical records is currently limited.
4. **Prescriptions/Medication:** Electronic prescribing is currently unavailable. Refilling prescriptions is unavailable. The pharmacy can only fill emergency medications at this time.

**What we are doing:**

1. **Emergency Response:** Our IT and medical teams are working diligently to restore power and data access to our systems.
2. **Contingency Plans:** Backup manual procedures are in place to ensure continued care for patients with critical medical needs.
3. **Transparent Updates:** We will keep you informed of any progress and updates on the situation through various communication channels.
4. **Patient Support:** Our staff is available to assist and address your concerns during this challenging time.

“Please understand that your health and safety remain our top priority. While we work to resolve this issue swiftly, we kindly request your patience and cooperation” said Joette Walters, CEO at TCRHCC.

We understand the impact this may have on your healthcare experience, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused. We will be posting updates as they become available.



# Staying Safe in Arizona's Heat

**By: Sheila Sjolander – Deputy Director of Public Health Services, Arizona Department of Health Services Phoenix, Ariz. - July 25, 2023** Arizona's been experiencing record-breaking high temperatures and a slow-to-start monsoon season. We've seen Excessive Heat Warnings in every county and Phoenix specifically is experiencing a record-breaking summer, with more than 26 consecutive days of 110+ degree weather so far (and it's only July!)

It's vital to stay cool and hydrated in this heat and we're thankful to statewide resources including cooling centers, Arizona 2-1-1, and LIHEAP community assistance programs for keeping people safe this summer.

Frequent triple digit temperatures (which typically last from May through September in Arizona) and exposure to excessive natural heat can result in an increased risk for heat-related illness. Heat-related illnesses (HRI) range from heat cramps and heat exhaustion to heat stroke, and hyperthermia which can be fatal without immediate care.

According to ADHS' Heat-related Illness (HRI) Dashboard, hospital visits for HRI have been increasing week after week. During the week of July 16, 2023 alone, 570 hospital visits were recorded for HRI. Fire departments and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers have reported treating an increasing number of patients for heat-related illness too. These incidents are only the tip of the iceberg. We urge Arizonans to take this extreme heat extremely seriously.

Stay cool, stay hydrated, and stay informed

Anyone can be susceptible to heat-related illness. Protect yourself and your loved ones by making sure you are drinking enough water and limiting your exposure to the heat. Don't forget to check on your neighbors and older adults during this time. ADHS collaborates with multiple partners as part of the Heat Relief Network to prevent heat-related illnesses and death. Cooling centers and hydration stations are available throughout the state to provide respite from the heat.

- **Drink water.** Always carry water with you and drink even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid alcohol which dehydrates the body. Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician. We recommend drinking at least two liters (eight or more cups) of water each day, even if you are mostly indoors. Outdoor workers, anyone who is outside in high temperatures, those engaging in physical activity, and individuals who have certain health conditions should increase their intake.

- **Dress for the heat.** Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing, wear hats or use an umbrella, and always apply sunscreen to exposed skin.

- **Never leave children, adults, or pets inside a parked vehicle.** A parked vehicle can reach dangerous temperatures in just minutes. Leaving the windows down or parking under shade is not enough to protect your loved ones.

- **Be aware of hot concrete.** On a hot day, asphalt can be 40 to 60 degrees hotter than the temperature.

- **Don't leave perishable food out.** If the temperature is above 90 degrees, don't leave perishable food out for more than an hour. Make grocery shopping the last stop, and don't leave groceries in hot cars. Bring insulated bags, ice packs, or coolers to keep food cold. While in the store, shop for your nonperishable items first, and bag frozen items with perishables.

- **Refrigerate fruits and vegetables** after cutting them if not consumed immediately.

- **Monitor those at high risk.** Check on friends, family, and neighbors for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Infants and young children require much more frequent observation. Respectfully check on elderly neighbors to ensure their air conditioning is working and in use.

- **Slow down.** Avoid strenuous activity. If you must do strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, which is usually in the morning between 4:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

- **Stay indoors when possible.** An air-conditioned room can keep you cool. Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, and Yuma counties have established air-conditioned sites as free cooling centers for those needing shelter. Some will let you bring your pets; check the rules before you go.

- **Take regular breaks when engaged in physical activity on warm days.** Take time out to find a cool place. If you recognize that you, or someone else, are showing symptoms of a heat-related illness, stop activity and find a cool place. Remember, have fun, but stay cool!

- **Check your heat risk and the UV Index.** Get a better sense of the heat's potential impact on your health. The National Weather Service's Heat Risk Map provides a forecast for the risk of heat-related impacts to occur over a 24-hour period. The Environmental Protection Agency's UV Index provides a forecast of the expected risk of overexposure to UV radiation from the sun.

- **Sign up for ADHS Excessive Heat Warnings.** Sign up to get messages from ADHS whenever there's an Excessive Heat Warning and to get tips on staying safe and cool."

**Resources** - o Cooling Centers and Hydration Stations: Cooling centers and hydration stations provide respite to people from the heat

o Arizona 2-1-1: Can assist in locating and finding transportation to nearest Heat Relief location and help identify options for bill payment assistance or home weatherization and rehabilitation services.

o Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low income households pay their heating/cooling bills, minimize crises, and make energy costs more affordable.

o The Arizona Department of Economic Security offers programs and services to help find shelter and housing during a time of need. Services include short-term crisis services for low-income families, resources and services for the unhoused, and utility assistance. o Older Adult Toolkit o School Toolkit o Outdoor Worker Toolkit o Heat Safety Resource Guide



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### ARTICLES:

The Hopi Tutuveni welcomes original articles reporting on local, state and national news items on issues related to Hopi or of interest to Tutuveni readers. We are especially interested in articles reporting on issues impacting the Hopi community or on events and activities involving members of the Hopi Tribe. Articles should not exceed 750 words and should follow Associated Press (AP) style and formatting. The Managing Editor reserves the right to edit articles for style, length and clarity. If significant editing is required, the Managing Editor will communicate with the author prior to publication.

### PRESS RELEASES:

Press releases must be submitted on official letterhead and include the name of the organization, contact person, telephone number and email address. Press releases should not exceed 500 words and submissions may be edited for length and clarity at the discretion of the Managing Editor.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Letters should not exceed 250 words and must include the name of the author and complete contact information (address, phone number or email address)

and the headline and date of the article on which you are commenting. Anonymous letters and letters written under pseudonyms will not be published. The Tutuveni Editorial Board reviews all submissions and reserves the right not to publish letters it considers to be highly sensitive or potentially offensive to readers, or that may be libelous or slanderous in nature.

### OPINION EDITORIALS:

Submissions must be exclusive to Hopi Tutuveni and should not exceed 1,000 words. Include with your submission your name and complete contact information, along with a short 2-3-sentence bio.

### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

All press releases, articles, letters to the editor and Opinion Editorials electronically as a Word document or as plain text in the body of an email to the Managing Editor, Romalita Laban. Articles, press releases and editorials that include photographs must be in high resolution, 300dpi or more and must be your own. All photographs must include photo credit and a caption for each photo listing the names of all persons included in the photo and description of what the photo is about. (call 928-734-3283 for deadline schedule).

### CIRCULATION

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# United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Construction Crew Mobilize to Begin Work on Polacca Wash Area

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: Louella N. Furcap Public Information Officer - First Mesa Consolidated Villages

**First Mesa, AZ - July 26, 2023**  
The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) construction contractor began setting up their equipment on Friday, July 21, at the approved staging location, next to the old service station in Polacca, Az so the wash mitigation project can progress as planned.  
Due to lack of communication between the USACE and the Hopi Tribe, who monitor the project, the USACE had to contact the First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) to assist with establishing prework necessities i.e., approving a site for erecting a 10,000-gallon water tank for dust abatement, hydrant access for the tank, location for their project office/trailer and other infrastructure necessary for the construction project. Contact was made with Ivan Sidney, FMCV Administrator, for the project to move forward as planned.  
The initial phase of the construction will include removal of all vegetation from the actual channel to be constructed. Vegetation i.e., cottonwood trees, salt

cedar and excavated trash will be piled separately at locations to be determined. Excavated trash will be hauled to the Hopi landfill by the contractor.  
The actual channel/construction will extend approximately 200 feet upstream from the Hwy 264 bridge and approximately 2400 feet downstream from the bridge. Construction is to continue seven days a week until the project is complete. At present, we expect it to take approximately two weeks. “The channeling of the wash is for our community, and we must provide an immediate response for this project,” said Sidney. “A public meeting will be held on the evening of July 31, at the Polacca Community Building to inform and update community members on the status of the Polacca Wash flooding and a status update on the cracking of First Mesa.”  
Warning signs will be erected to warn the public of the construction. The public is strongly urged to use caution when passing through the construction zone. Your cooperation is appreciated. For further information on the Project, you may call Sidney or Wilber Kaye at 928-737-2670.

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## HOPILAVIT - EVERYDAY WORDS

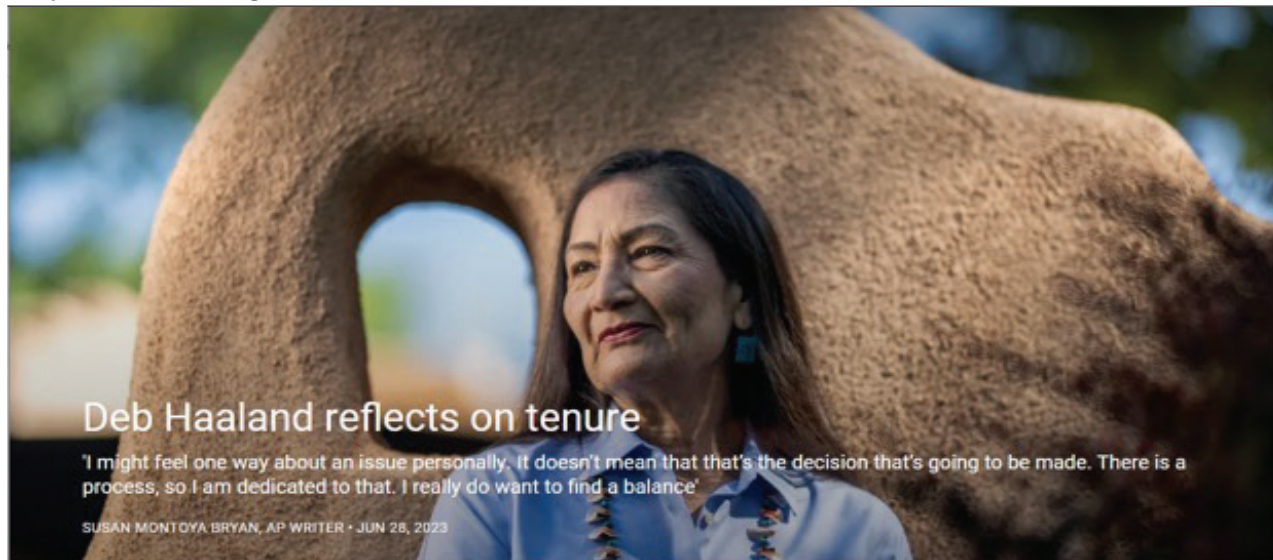
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<b>Tuwi'yta</b> - Able (skillful)	<b>Pö'i'yta</b> - Debt (Have)	<b>Sivaqöppö</b> - Heater
<b>Yuki'at</b> - Accomplishment	<b>Öqala</b> - Determined	<b>Hopiiqatsi</b> - Hopi Way of Life
<b>Tukopna</b> - Accuse	<b>Alögö</b> - Different	<b>Nü'okwa</b> - Kind Hearted
<b>Hintsakpi</b> - Activity	<b>Hötsiwa</b> - Doorway	<b>Ngahu</b> - Medicine
<b>Pu'ason</b> - Afterward	<b>Hiihiko</b> - Drink	<b>Muytala</b> - Moon Light
<b>Qe'ti</b> - Back out of	<b>Nan'ip</b> - Each (of two)	<b>Tömö</b> - Season (Winter)
<b>Novaki</b> - Bakery	<b>Tutuqayiw</b> - Education	<b>Nuvati</b> - Snowed
<b>Tuptsiwni</b> - Belief	<b>Töövü</b> - Ember	<b>Nawini</b> - Suggestion
<b>Kwusiva</b> - Bring	<b>Tumal'aya</b> - Employee	<b>Tsangaw</b> - Thank Goodness
<b>Päato</b> - Burst	<b>Tunatya</b> - Endeavor	<b>Kyaamuya</b> - Winter (Solstice)
<b>Pitanakts</b> - Cap/Hat	<b>Naatsiki</b> - Factionalize	<b>Hihiiyà</b> - Wow!
<b>Sikiki</b> - Car (Auto)	<b>Qöppö</b> - Fire place	
<b>Kansulmongwi</b> - Chairman	<b>Saavu</b> - Fire wood	
<b>Namora</b> - Choice	<b>Tuuqayta</b> - Fluent	
<b>Iyoho'ti</b> - Cold (Weather)	<b>Qalaptu</b> - Get Over (Recover)	

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## Deb Haaland reflects on tenure

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SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN, AP WRITER • JUN 28, 2023

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — It was never about making history for Deb Haaland, but rather making her parents proud.

She says she worked hard, putting herself through school, starting a small business to pay bills and eventually finding her way into politics — first as a campaign volunteer and later as the first Native American woman to lead a political party in New Mexico.

The rest seems like history. Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, was sworn in as one of the first two Native women in Congress in 2019. Two years later, she took the reins at the U.S. Interior Department — an agency whose responsibilities stretch from managing energy development to meeting the nation's treaty obligations to 574 federally recognized tribes.

Haaland, the first Native Cabinet member in the U.S., spoke to The Associated Press about her tenure leading the 70,000-employee agency that oversees subsurface minerals and millions of acres of public land.

The hardest part? Balancing the interests of every single American, she said.

"I might feel one way about an issue personally. It doesn't mean that that's the decision that's going to be made," said Haaland, 62, sitting in the shade of the towering cottonwood trees that line her backyard in Albuquerque. "There is a process, so I am dedicated to that. I really do want to find a balance."

Criticism of Haaland has mounted in recent weeks. Environmentalists slammed her department's approval of the massive Willow oil project in Alaska, while a Republican-led U.S. House committee opened an investigation into ties between Haaland and an Indigenous group from her home state of New Mexico that advocates for halting oil and gas production on public lands.

Both Democratic and Republican members of Congress also have grilled her about her agency's \$19 billion budget request. Critics say the Interior Department under her guidance had failed to conduct quarterly oil and gas lease sales as required under law, doubled the time it takes to get permits, and raised royalty rates charged to energy companies

to discourage domestic production and advance the administration's climate goals.

Haaland defended the Biden administration's priorities, reiterating that her department was following the law and was on track to meet the administration's goal of installing 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030.

But even some Democratic senators who support more wind and solar energy development have questioned that timeline, saying some projects take years to be permitted and could be at risk. Democratic Sen. Martin Heinrich of New Mexico did not get a response from Haaland when asking when the first utility-scale offshore wind projects would be permitted.

Haaland said she had an idea of what the Cabinet job might entail, having served in Congress and as a member of Joe Biden's platform committee when he was the Democratic presidential nominee. Many of Biden's ideals about climate change, renewable energy and conservation mirrored her own.

What gets conserved and how is at the root of a few thorny projects Haaland must navigate, from the Willow project to a drilling moratorium around a national park near northwestern New Mexico's Chaco Canyon, and now protests by Native American tribes over a proposed lithium mine in Nevada.

"There isn't a one-size-fits-all for any of these things," she said. "We have to take each one individually and find the best solution that we can."

Tribes are not always pleased with the outcome, she acknowledged.

"Every tribe, I think, is different. Their opportunities are different. Their lifestyles are different and it's up to us to make sure that we get them to the table to tell us what's important to them," she said. "... And we do our best, as I said, to balance whatever the project is — using the science, using the law."

Haaland's pueblo heritage makes her unlike any previous secretary, and she's aware of the added expectations from Indian Country as she leads an agency with a fraught and even murderous history with tribes.

She has worked to boost consultation efforts with tribal

governments, allocate more resources to help address the alarming rate of disappearances and deaths among Native Americans, and launched an investigation into the federal government's role in boarding schools that sought to assimilate Native children over decades.

Wenona Singel, an associate professor at Michigan State University College of Law and director of the Indigenous Law & Policy Center, pointed to the stories Haaland has told about her grandparents being taken from their families when they were children. The story is similar to Singel's own family and many others.

"She understands the pain and the trauma of having our ancestors be stripped of their culture and their language and their Native identity," said Singel, a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. "She has demonstrated a deeper understanding of our nation's need to come to grips with the reality of this history and the way in which it continues to impact our communities today."

For Haaland, there's no way to disconnect from her heritage: "I am who I am."

Haaland grew up in a military family — her late father was a decorated Marine and her late mother spent more than two decades working for the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs after serving in the U.S. Navy. Haaland often talks about how her pueblo mother raised her to be fierce.

Haaland, a mother herself, got married in 2021 to her longtime partner Skip Sayre. They share a home in Albuquerque with their two rescue dogs — Remington and Winchester.

Haaland still hangs her clothes on the line out back to dry in the New Mexico sun, finds time to be outside every day and makes big batches of her own red chile sauce with garlic and oregano, freezing it so she has a ready supply when she comes home.

Despite moving around as a kid, Haaland said her traditions keep her grounded. In fact, she's working to finish her master's degree in American Indian studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, a feat nearly 25 years in the making.

Haaland's mother was the one who encouraged her to finish her thesis — an exploration of Laguna Pueblo's traditional foods. Haaland was proud to say she turned the paper in to her committee in early June, looking to show that Indigenous knowledge continues to be carried down and that the foods eaten at Laguna Pueblo — including stew and piki bread — haven't changed since the tribe migrated from the Chaco Canyon area generations ago. While modern ovens may have taken the place of hot stones, Haaland said Laguna's foods are still rooted in tradition.

One of her first obligations as a pueblo woman is to nurture her family and community, and Haaland said that's not unlike the demands of her current job: to manage and protect natural resources and cultural heritage.

"You have values as a human being," she said. "That's the way you're raised by your family, and that's what I bring to the table."

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