

## Governor Katie Hobbs Visits Hopi on Friday, September 8, 2023



Hopi Tribal Council is pictured with Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs, who visited Hopi on Friday, September 8, 2023 in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. Photo by: R. Laban HT. Due to technical difficulties experienced during the September 13, 2023 Hopi reservation-wide electrical power outage, the story and more pictures will be featured in the October 4, 2023 publication of the Hopi Tutuveni.

**Sincerest apologies to all the Hopi Tutuveni readers for the delay. - HT Staff and Board**

### Hopi Tribal Council Welcomes Arizona Governor Hobbs to Hopi!

*"It was an honor and a privilege to spend the day with the Hopi people. From meeting with Council, to touring sacred land, to taking part in a traditional meal and ceremony, I was constantly in awe of their generosity, kindness, and stewardship. This is just the beginning of what will be a strong partnership between the Governor's office and the Hopi Tribe. Thank you Chairman Nuvangyaoma and Vice Chairman Andrews for the invitation, I am already looking forward to my next visit." - Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs...learn more on pg. 2*

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# Governor Katie Hobbs Visits Hopi

## September 8, 2023



By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor HT

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - September 8, 2023** The Hopi Tribal Council Chambers were set and ready for a historical visit from the Governor of Arizona Katie Hobbs. Hopi Chairman Nuvangyaoma confirmed the visit was the first of its kind by asking Chairman Herman G. Honanie if during his administration any such visits by a Governor occurred, to which Honanie, confirmed this was a first.

The Chambers were set up in a round table fashion with Chairman Nuvangyaoma, Governor Hobbs and Vice Chairman Andrews seated with the Hopi Tribal flag, U.S. flag and Arizona State flag directly behind them and Hopi Tribal Council Representatives seated in front of them.

In addition to the Governor reading points of concerns and priorities of her office, HTC Representatives presented her with gifts of Native American style jewelry, Hopi arts and crafts and gracious words of gratitude

for coming to visit Hopi.

In addition to spending time at HTC Chambers, a tour of Orayvi was provided, which was followed by a delicious meal of Hopi dishes cooked and served by Raymond Namoki, Village of Sipaulovi Representative, Miss Hopi and their aids at the Sipaulovi Youth and Elderly Center just after Edith Silas, Miss Lori Piestewa Post 80, and her entourage performed a traditional Hopi dance for the Governor and her staff.

Hopi Domestic Violence staff met and shared some concerns with the Governor before the day ended with a meeting with the Hopi Land Commission and Water & Energy Committee at the Sipaulovi Village Administrative Office.

More about the Governor's visit will continue in the October 4, 2023 publication of the Hopi Tutuveni as images and content were inaccessible due to the September 13, 2023 electrical power outage experienced reservation wide and at Hopi Tutuveni offices, as well.





# Hopi Chairman and Vice Chairman Call a Meeting with Telecom Providers and Community Stakeholders Regarding Call Connection Issues

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Submitted by: Office of the Hopi Chairman**

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – September 14, 2023** Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES), 911 dispatch on Hopi, Hopi Health Care Center, the Tribal Offices, and Hopi families continue to experience call connection issues (regardless of provider, both cellular and landline.)

Resolving this issue is a top priority, which is why Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Vice Chairman Craig Andrews, and Hopi Law Enforcement met with Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. (HTI) and Cellular One to discuss progress. In addition, community stakeholders including Indian Health Services and the Department of Public Safety were in attendance.

During the meeting, company leadership from Cellular One and HTI shared details regarding the extensive testing of their own networks over the past few months. Diagnostic actions included directing calls over different routes, ordering and implementing additional circuits, call testing, and call tracing. Neither provider was able to isolate the issue, therefore HTI and Cellular One joined forces to bring in JSI, a world class telecom consulting firm, to help escalate the diagnostic process.

Our team is working closely with HTI and JSI to investigate why call connections are not always getting through,” said Judd Hinkle, Cellular One CEO. “We have served the Hopi people for 22 years and our dedication to this community remains unwavering. With the close coopera-

tion of technicians from HTI and JSI we eagerly anticipate a resolution. JSI has the ability to run call tracing along the entire call route, which helps to isolate the interruption in the call connection. This could be critical to resolving this problem.”

**YOU CAN HELP:** HTI General Manager Carroll Onsae said, “The safety of the Hopi people is a top priority and progress is being made. That said, I must emphasize that this call connection issue is NOT specific to customers of one particular carrier, and we encourage anyone encountering a difficulty with call connections to let their provider know right away and provide as many details as possible. Any insight you can provide could be instrumental in isolating and resolving this issue.”

**CONTACT INFO:** If you are an HTI customer, please submit details at [hopitelecom.com/contact-us/](http://hopitelecom.com/contact-us/) or Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. please call 928-738-4674. For after-hours telephone support please call 928-738-2200.

If you are a Cellular One customer, please let us know the details by calling our Customer Care Team at 1-800-730-2351 or by submitting a Trouble Ticket at [mycellularone.com/trouble-tickets](http://mycellularone.com/trouble-tickets).

For AT&T Customers and other carriers: please contact your carrier’s Customer Service department ASAP to give them details regarding the issues you are experiencing! Share as many details as possible.

**ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:** If you are experiencing an emergency, please call HLES at their alternative landline: (928) 497-1493.

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# New Movie “Touch the Water” Seeks Community Screenings

## Holt Hamilton’s Newest Film Featuring a Hopi Woman as Lead, Opens During Native American Heritage Month

**For Immediate Release**

**Submitted by: Travis Holt Hamilton**

**Mesa, Ariz. — Sept 15, 2023** Holt Hamilton’s newest feature film “Touch the Water”, which opens in theatres on November 3rd, is seeking community screenings across Native Country to celebrate, recognize and honor Native American Heritage Month during the month of November.

“Getting an indie film into theatres is extremely difficult. It brings a great sense of accomplishment for me when we do, but my passion and real joy is taking my films personally to the people. Seeing the reactions to the film up close and personal with new friends, is the real payoff,” stated filmmaker Holt Hamilton. Hamilton continued, “I love spending time with the community. Sharing a mini-film workshop, getting a tour of the rez, meeting as many people as possible and hopefully breaking some frybread with everyone when we screen the film is one of my greatest dreams in life!”

The movie is projected to open in 12 theatres across Arizona and New Mexico in November and then expand to others across North America. “We eventually will hit the streaming platforms, but for now, I’m in the theatrical market for the long haul. I plan to put this in over 500 theatres and draw attention that small indie films have a place on the screen next to major Hollywood blockbusters,” shared Hamilton. He continued, “I still get excited to see a movie on the big screen. Makes me feel like a little child again.”

The film, after numerous cancelled production dates due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was finally produced in June 2021. The story follows the fictional journey of an 80 old Native American woman named Daisy who, played by

first-time actor Perci Ami who is of Hopi descent, searches for purpose and excitement in life despite her daughters attempts to put her in a home and take away her independence. The movie’s timely theme of You Are Never Too Old To Dream seems appropriate for our current world situation.

“I met Holt Hamilton at a conference were he was showing his movie “More Than Frybread”. He asked if I would try out for one of the parts. I knew I wouldn’t get the part, I am not a actor.” Perci Ami shared. She not only got the part, she became the star of the film. “Giving an old lady like me an opportunity to live and take a risk is one of the greatest gifts of trust and hope I’ve been given.” Ami shared.

“Touch the Water” will be the sixth movie in Holt Hamilton’s indigenous film collection. Their first movie ‘Turquoise Rose’, also starred first-time Native actors in leading roles. “We’ve been giving first-time actors opportunities with speaking roles and time on the big screen for two decades. This has been my mission since day one and this film continues that tradition.”

To book a screening of ‘Touch the Water’, contact Holt Hamilton Films immediately. The film trailer and additional movie information can be found at <https://www.holthamilton.com/touch-the-water.html>

Holt Hamilton Films is a Veteran owned, Arizona based company committed to sharing stories that will make For a Better World: Providing Quality, Family-Friendly, Uplifting Wholesome Entertainment

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# HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

## 4th Quarter Session

### September, 2023

## MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 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 Siquah, 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 #070-2023 – Authorize transfer of an estimated \$5.7 million of expenditures, from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to the American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (FRF) – Jim Davis, Director, Office of Financial Management

2. Action Item #076-2023 – Hopi Judicial Branch requests that Hopi Tribal Council accepts BIA-OTJS Funding and authorize sole source procurement of a new court recording system for its two courtrooms – Author/Marc S. Roy, Chief Judge, Hopi Tribal Courts \*Time Certain, Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 11:00 a.m.

3. Action Item #084-2023 – To seek approval to enter a contract with Brian Webb to represent the Hopi Tribe for the Juvenile Court of the Superior Courts of Arizona to protect the Tribes interest in Hopi children who fall under the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). This request is an amendment to the current contract. – Lorencita Joshweseoma, Director, Social Services

4. Action Item #086-2023 – Hopi Behavioral Health Services (BHS) requests for Hopi Tribal Council to approve the renewal of the BHS revolving account for continued 3rd party billing for behavioral health services provide. BHS will continue to submit claims to AHCCCS for 3rd party billing to generate revenue – Author/Laverne Dallas, Director, Behavioral Health Services

5. Action Item #087-2023 – To approve the Moenkopi Development Corporation (MDC) forbearance on its Hopi Loan payments as a temporary measure until MDC pays off the PNC Loan and secures the Tuvi Travel Center Property – Author/Willem Charley, Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi (Author changed per UVM's Request)

6. Action Item #088-2023 – To approve the Memorandum of

Agreement between the Hopi Tribe, the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority and City of Winslow, Utility Services at HTHA-Funded Housing Projects for Hopi Tribal Members within the Hopi Industrial Park – Author/Albert T. Siquah, Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

7. Action Item #089-2023 – Approval of Sole Source Agreement with Assured Imaging, Inc., an Arizona Corporation for the period July 01, 2023 through June 29, 2027 to provide professional mobile mammography services in an amount not to exceed \$1,741,139.02 – Author/Kellen Polingyumptewa, Coordinator, Hopi Cancer Support Services

8. Action Item #090-2023 – Submit and accept Economic Development Administration grant awards to the Hopi Tribe – Author/Andrew Gashwazra, Director, Office of Community Planning & Evaluation \*Time Certain, Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

9. Notice of Relinquishment – dated August 14, 2023 – Notice is Hereby Given of Relinquishment from the Hopi Tribe, Re: ANB – Author/Lamar Keevama, Director, Hopi Enrollment Office \*RECORD IS CONFIDENTIAL

10. Action Item #091-2023 – To seek Hopi Tribal Council approval for the continual use of the Hopi Veterans Memorial Center / Wellness Center Revolving Account – Author/Elvia Sanchez, Manager, HVMC/Wellness Center

11. Presentation on the Tribal Monitor Program – on behalf of WestLand and the Hopi Tribe, Office of Cultural Preservation – Leroy Shingoitewa and Avi Buckles, Westland Resources, Inc., Engineering and Environmental Consultants.

12. Memorandum Eugene Talas dated July 28, 2023 – meet with Hopi Tribal Council to prepare the Budget Oversight Team (BOT) to schedule and conduct Village/Community presentations of proposed budgets during the month of October – Author/Eugene Talas, Chairman, BOT - \*Time certain Monday, September 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

13. Email from Shawn R. Johnson dated August 10, 2023 – proposal of Joint Meeting between the Hopi Tribal Council and Flagstaff City Council members – Anita Bahnimptewa, Council Representative, Sipaulovi Village – Possible Action \*Time certain Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

14. Letter dated August 14, 2023 from Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation – reappointment of Edison Tu'tsi, HTEDC Board Chairman – Anita Bahnimptewa, Council Representative, Sipaulovi Village – Possible Action

15. Letter dated August 21, 2023 from Dale Siquah, FMCV HTC Representative and Water/Energy Committee Chairman

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– “Work Plan to Enhance Hopi’s Water Resources Capacity”  
– Anita Bahnimptewa, Council Representative, Sipaulovi Village – Possible Action \*Time certain Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

16. Letter dated August 24, 2023 from Beatrice Norton, Chairwoman, Orayvi Village Board – Resolution H-057-2022 Power Extension to Orayvi Well - Anita Bahnimptewa, Council Representative, Sipaulovi Village – Possible Action

17. Memo dated August 31, 2023 from Andrew Gashwazra, Director, OCPEDLIS – Presentation to update the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) with Building Communities - Anita Bahnimptewa, Council Representative, Sipaulovi Village – Possible Action \*Time certain Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

18. Email dated August 31, 2023 from Kim Secakuku, Tribal Operations Officer – BIA Letter 2021 Audit Reminder, Update to the Council on the Consolidated Tribal Grant Programs, Overview of all Hopi Tribal Contracts and Grants and Status of the FY 2024 Federal Appropriations - Anita Bahnimptewa, Council Representative, Sipaulovi Village – Possible Action \*Time certain Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

19. Email dated August 31, 2023 from Mrs. Malinda Andrews – Phoenix Suns visit to Hopi Tribal

Council - Anita Bahnimptewa, Council Representative, Sipaulovi Village – Possible Action \*Time certain Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

20. Letter dated June 23, 2023 from the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation – Walpi Housing Management Agreement – Raymond Namoki, Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi – Possible Action \*Time certain Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

21. Letter dated August 15, 2023 from Leroy Sumatzkuku - Letter of Resignation effective September 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. – William Charley, Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi – Possible Action

**XII. REPORTS**

1. Office of the Chairman
2. Office of the Vice Chairman
3. Office of Tribal Secretary – Report on Administrative Oversight of Program Depts.
4. Office of the Treasurer – Introduction of Mr. Gerald Cusick, Risk Administrator
5. Office of the General Counsel
6. Land Commission
7. Water/Energy Committee
8. Transportation Committee
9. Law & Order Committee
10. Investment Committee
11. Health/Education Committee – Committee Report
12. Pandemic Recovery Committee

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**\*\*Time Certain Requests**

**HTI-FTHP**

**Hopi Telecommunications Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) Project set to start**

**For Immediate Release**

**Submitted by: HTI Staff**

**Keams Canyon, Ariz. – September 8, 2023**

Keams Canyon Arizona is where Hylan West, Inc., will begin the construction Fiber to the Premise project across the Hopi Reservation ending in Hotevilla, the project to start September 18, 2023. This is a 14-month project that has fiber connecting to homes, schools, and other locations.

Construction will be in progress Monday through Friday with work hours set for 7:00 A.M. –6:00 P.M. (MST). No work will be done during weekends, holidays nor during inclement weather.

Carroll Onsay, HTI General Manager, states this project was awarded to Hylan West, Inc. the project consists of approximately 37.91 miles of aerial and buried construction throughout the communities from Keams Canyon to Hotevilla. Vehicle traffic from the contractor’s work trucks and construction equipment can be expected along HTI’s existing

copper line routes along highways and easements.

The second; Onsay says is awarded to Diversified Solutions, Inc., to install fiber optic service drops to approximately 651 residential/business locations across Hopi. Construction will install a new fiber service drop (aerial or buried) from a fiber pedestal or pole to a new network interface device on the side of the premise. Construction will commence in mid-October 2023.

The full project is expected to be completed in December 2024. Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. is happy to get the project started knowing the Hopi People have been patiently waiting for the availability of fiber optic connections. Hopi is a unique area and HTI wants to make sure all construction guidelines and protocols with local Villages and Communities are obtained for proper guidance and/or consent in compliance with tribal ordinances and village traditional practices for a successful outcome.

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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](mailto: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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## September is National Recovery and Suicide Prevention Month Unangvasi pas qa’atsa! A’hoi anktotiniqw pas qa atsa! #HopeisReal #RecoveryisReal

Submitted by: Andrea Joshevama, Substance Abuse Clinician

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - August 30, 2023** Hopi Behavioral Health Services and our community partners will be hosting a Recovery and Suicide Prevention event on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Hopi Peace Academy in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. This year’s theme is #HopeisReal #RecoveryisReal.

We have invited a host of speakers to share their message of recovery and hope along with resource booths who provide treatment and support for those struggling with mental health challenges and substance abuse. We will have some interactive activities with the Hopi Wellness Center staff, some Hopi singers, and end the day with a 1 and 2 mile color walk/run to support those in recovery and to promote Suicide Prevention. The recovery journey isn’t just for the person with the substance use or mental health issue—it includes everyone who cares about them. (SAMHSA). Itam soosoyom a’ne hikyayungwa.

Recovery is a process of change and we all know change can be challenging.

Please help us get the word out by sharing this information about the event on your social media accounts or sharing this article.

If you have questions, please contact Andrea or Kayla at 928-737-6311 or 928-737-6318.





## September is National "Recovery Month"

By: Bernadean Kachinhongva, HSAPC Mentor

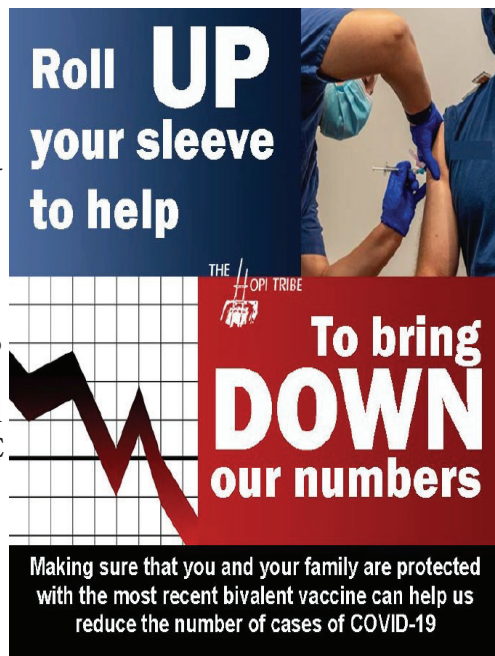
**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - August 30, 2023** The month of September is National "Recovery Month." The HOPI Substance Abuse Prevention Center (HSAPC) looks forward to this month each year. It's a celebration of an individual's personal growth in recovery. This month-long recognition is designed to educate people on issues surrounding mental health, substance use disorders, chronic illnesses and other ailments. It's also meant to provide support to family members, friends; who support and love those in recovery from substance abuse and/or behavioral addiction disorders.

National "Recovery Month" started in 1989 under the name "Treatment Works!" It was intended as a way to honor the work of addiction professionals, therapists, physicians, nurses, mental health professionals, drug/recovery counselors, rehabilitation staff, etc., working with individuals. It is observed in the United States promoting and supporting new, evidence-based recovery and treatment modalities and HSAPC encourages you to start and continue your recovery. Everyone's journey is different, and we are all in this together.

The HOPI Substance Abuse Prevention Center is celebrating recovery month by hosting several events throughout this month. Starting with A Fall Planting event on Friday September 1, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Next is an annual Highway Clean-Up event on Friday September 8, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Thereafter, is a collaborative Hopi National Recovery & Suicide Prevention Month Celebration (a fun run/walk in the evening) event with Hopi Behavioral Health Services on Tuesday September 26, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Peace Academic Center (old Mission School) in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. The finale event "Hand-drum Recovery Celebration" event on Friday September 29, 2023 at the KUYI parking lot area in Second Mesa, Ariz. from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. HSAPC will also be having a fundraising food sale during this event. Come enjoy live music, delicious food, good company and a fun filled evening. All HSAPC events welcome volunteers, and are drug/substance free events. As a grant recipient of the Arizona's Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family's - Trauma Informed Substance Abuse Prevention Program (funds provided through SAMHSA), the HSAPC staff receive trauma informed care training and utilize strategies in our services. HSAPC mentors help individuals work through their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual healing journey. "We believe in honoring ourselves by living an honest, sober, balanced life." Healing begins with you!

HSAPC mentors provide one to one mentoring services for youth and adults, group classes, community presentations, supportive programs for local schools, and cognitive restructuring for a positive recovery journey. As a non-profit organization HSAPC services are free of charge. We encourage all who are in their recovery journey to take it one day at a time; sometimes it's one moment at a time. If you feel comfortable reaching out to HSAPC mentors, call 928-734-0300.

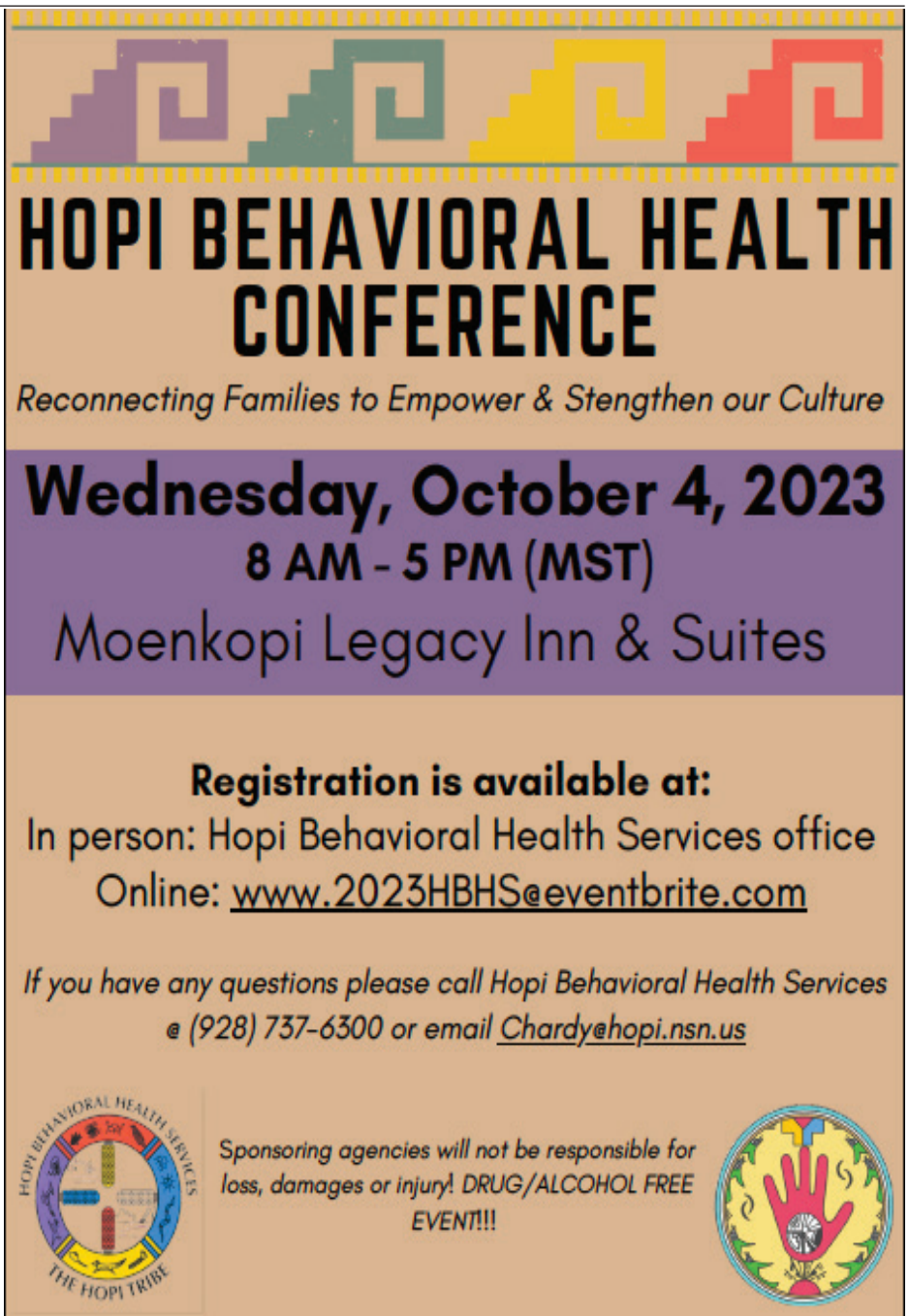
You can also call Hopi Behavioral Health Services at 928-737-6300 to schedule an appointment, or call your local Behavioral Health facility.



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**Managing Editor** - Romalita Laban  
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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

The Hopi Tutuveni is published twice a month, with a circulation of 2,500 copies throughout the entire Hopi Reservation. The paper is delivered on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month to the following locations: Moenkopi Travel Center, Moenkopi Legacy Inn, Hotevilla Store, Kykotsmovi Village Store, Tribal Government Complex, Hopi Cultural Center, Hopi Health Care Center, Polacca Circle M, Keams Canyon Store.





Statement of Priorities & Objectives  
October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Native American Disability Law Center (Law Center) is a non-profit organization that provides free legal services to Native Americans with disabilities. Every year the Law Center reviews its Statement of Objectives and Priorities to insure that we are best serving the needs of our client community. We are seeking public comment before or by September 29, 2023. You can comment by calling us at 1-800-862-7271 or by emailing us at [info@natedisabilitylaw.org](mailto:info@natedisabilitylaw.org) Thank you for your interest and support for the Law Center.

A - Intake & Outreach

Goal: Efficiently provide timely services to new clients & increase awareness of the Law Center’s services through community & media-based outreach, providing training & information.

Objective 1: Access to Available Benefits. Assist seniors and individuals with disabilities receive appropriate services by helping them access programs that help pay for healthcare, food and energy, for which they are eligible.

Objective 2: Promoting Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Increase awareness of vocational rehabilitation services through:

- a. developing public awareness program and materials; and
- b. maintain relationships with vocational rehabilitation programs, transition specialists, and other service providers to ensure awareness of the Law Center’s programs and services.

Objective 3: Promote Self-Advocacy & Understanding of Rights. The Law Center will participate in local, regional & national outreach events, conferences & training events to increase:

- a. the understanding of Native Americans with disabilities & their families of their rights to services, supports, & employment;
- b. the ability of Native Americans with disabilities & their families to advocate for their needs & services;
- c. the understanding of the issues facing Native Americans with disabilities; &
- d. awareness of the Law Center & its services.

B - Children’s Education & Safety

Goal: All Native American children in the Four Corners region will have access to appropriate education & services designed to keep them safe & meet their unique needs in the least restrictive environment.

Objective 1: Represent Abused and Neglected Children. Represent Native American children as Guardian Ad Litem or Youth Attorney in child abuse & neglect cases in New Mexico and the Navajo Nation through court appointments.

Objective 2: Promote Self-Advocacy. Provide technical assistance to families of twenty-five (25) students with disabilities to empower them to advocate for their children to obtain appropriate education and related services in the least restrictive environment in their community.

Objective 3: Direct Representation. Provide direct representation in meetings, informal settings, and/or administrative proceedings to twenty (20) children with disabilities who are not receiving a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment, with priority given to students who are facing exclusionary discipline or are otherwise excluded from school or who are not receiving appropriate transition services.

Objective 4: Systemic Advocacy. Through systemic advocacy, ensure that the federal & state education systems meet the educational needs of Native American students with disabilities enrolled in their schools by addressing the general education, special education, mental health, and wellness needs of students, including those impacted by trauma and adversity.

C - Community Integration

Goal: Native Americans with disabilities will be free from abuse and neglect, whether they live in the community, residential facilities or correctional institutions, and receive appropriate supports & services to enable them to live in the most integrated, least restrictive settings appropriate to their choices and needs.

Objective 1: Monitoring Facilities and Services. Monitor facilities and institutions at least quarterly for instances of abuse and neglect, distributing educational materials, and providing advocacy services for individuals who are allegedly being abused or neglected.

Objective 2: Promote Community Access. Provide direct assistance to individuals with disabilities in their efforts to obtain appropriate community services, such as housing, voting, vocational rehabilitation services or address employment discrimination.

Objective 3: Advocate for Improved Access to Public Buildings and Services.  
Through systemic advocacy, increase access to public buildings and services for all individuals with disabilities.



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## The Next PACT Act Deadline: Health Care Enrollment for Arizona Veterans who deployed to Combat Zones

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**By: Max Efrein, Public Affairs Officer - Northern Arizona VA Health Care System**

**Prescott, Ariz. - September 5, 2023** Until 11:59 p.m. local time on September 30, 2023, Veterans who deployed to a combat zone, never enrolled in VA health care, and left active duty between September 11, 2001 and October 1, 2013 are eligible to enroll directly in VA health care. This special enrollment period gives Veterans who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones an opportunity to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits.

VA encourages all eligible Arizona Veterans to visit [VA.gov/PACT](http://VA.gov/PACT) or call 1-800-MYVA411 to learn more and sign up for VA health care before the deadline. Veterans who are enrolled in VA health care are proven to have better health outcomes than non-enrolled Veterans, and VA hospitals have dramatically outperformed non-VA hospitals in overall quality ratings and patient satisfaction ratings. Additionally, VA health care is often more affordable than non-VA health care for Veterans.

This special enrollment period is a part of the PACT Act, the largest expansion of VA health care and benefits in generations. Since President Biden signed the PACT Act into law on August 10, 2022, more than 344,000 Veterans have enrolled in VA health care and more than 4.2 million enrolled Veterans have been screened for toxic exposures. In Arizona alone, more than 22,000 Veterans have received PACT Act benefits and more than 8,300 Veterans have enrolled in VA care.

"Are you a Veteran who deployed to a combat zone but never enrolled in VA health care? If you left active duty between September 11, 2001, and October 1, 2013, you should sign up now," VA Secretary Denis McDonough said. "Even if you don't need this care now, you may need it in the future – and once you're in, you have access for life. But don't wait – the deadline is September 30 – so go to [VA.gov/PACT](http://VA.gov/PACT) and apply today."

Although this deadline is written into law for this specific group of Veterans, many other groups of Veterans are able to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits – including many Vietnam Veterans, Gulf War Veterans, Veterans who deployed to a combat zone and transitioned out of the service less than 10 years ago, and more. Veterans who do not meet any of the above criteria can often still access VA health care by filing for VA benefits or based on income. If a Veteran is granted service connection for any health condition, they become eligible for VA care.

The PACT Act also expanded VA benefits for millions of Veterans, making more than 300 health conditions "presumptive" for service connection. This means that if an eligible Veteran has one of these health conditions, VA automatically assumes that the condition was caused by the Veteran's service and provides compensation and care accordingly. Since the PACT Act was signed into law, VA has delivered more than \$1.85 billion in PACT Act benefits to Veterans and their survivors. VA encourages Veterans and their survivors to apply for these benefits now at [VA.gov/PACT](http://VA.gov/PACT).

VA is currently in a full-court press to ensure that as many Veterans as possible enroll before September 30. To date, VA's PACT Act outreach campaign has included more than 2,000 events nationwide, \$13 million in paid media, 60,000 earned media clips, more than 400 million emails and letters to Veterans, the creation of a one-stop-shop PACT Act website, and more. This is the largest outreach campaign in VA history, which has one goal in mind: ensure that all Veterans – and their survivors – get the health care and benefits they deserve under the PACT Act.

More information on eligibility for the special enrollment period can be found at [VA.gov/PACT](http://VA.gov/PACT).

For more information about how the PACT Act is helping Veterans and their survivors, visit VA's PACT Act Dashboard. To apply for care or benefits today, visit [VA.gov/PACT](http://VA.gov/PACT) or call 1-800-MYVA411.

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Hopi Behavioral Health Services Presents:

## "HUMOR-HEALING"

*James Jones*



JAMES IS DINÉ AND HOPI. HE RESIDES IN FARMINGTON, NM WITH HIS WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN. AS A NATIVE HUMOR COMEDIAN, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER AND ACTOR FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS, HE IS ALSO PART OF JAMES & ERNIE COMEDY AND 49 LAUGHS COMEDY. HIS HERITAGE, PERSONAL STORIES AND EXPERIENCES ADD TO HIS PRESENTATIONS FOR WHAT HE CALLS "HUMOR-HEALING."

**FREE EVENT!**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

**MOENKOPI LEGACY INN**

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LIMITED TO 100 PARTICIPANTS! FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!

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**TODAY**

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**Hopi Higher Education and Workforce Development**

Wednesday,  
September 27, 2023  
5:30 PM



**EMPLOYMENT**



**EDUCATION**

Hopi Tribe Grants and Scholarship Program

Adult Vocational Training Program (AVTP)

**Virtual Presentation**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Hopi Vocational Rehabilitation Program (HVRP)

Wednesday,  
October 25, 2023  
5:30 PM

Wednesday,  
November 29, 2023  
5:30 PM

**ZOOM**

**Meeting ID: 281 908 6907**

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**QUESTIONS: CALL (928) 734-3547**

The Hopi Tribe WIOA is an equal opportunity employer program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TTY/TTD: 711

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