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NIXON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY HOSTS CONFERENCE ON AMERICAN INDIANS

Self-Determination and Tribal Sovereignty
The Lasting Impact of the Nixon Administration

Yorba Linda, CAL., (April 6) The Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum is hosting a two day conference beginning Friday, April 24, 2015, and continuing on Saturday, April 25, 2015. The conference will examine and discuss the Nixon administration policies regarding the American Indian community and the impact of these policies on the present and for the future. Panels will include:

- U.S. American Indian Policy in the Early 20th Century – A discussion which will include the early influences on Richard Nixon and setting the stage for future actions
- American Indian Policy of the Nixon Administration – Presented by active participants in the development of and reaction to Nixon administration policies toward American Indians
- Courts, Cases and Contracts – An examination of the effects of Indian policy on the law, including Supreme Court cases
- American Indian Activism – A discussion of activism activities during the Nixon administration, including Alcatraz and Wounded Knee (1973)
- Tribal Sovereignty and Nation Building – A conversation with leaders from tribal communities on the impact of the Nixon American Indian policies

The conference will bring together Nixon administration officials, scholars and members of the tribal communities to discuss these important issues. Former Nixon Administration official Bobbie Kilberg will give the opening address on Friday morning and Tribal Chairman of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians in Southern California, Mark Macarro, will close the first day with a keynote address. Dr. Donald Fixico, the distinguished Foundation Professor of History at Arizona State University will end the conference with his closing keynote speech.

The conference is sponsored by the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, the Costo Endowment and California Center for Native Nations at the University of California, Riverside, California State University, San Bernardino and the Richard Nixon Foundation.

The Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum is one of 13 Presidential Libraries operated by the National Archives and Records Administration. The Nixon Library is located at 18001 Yorba Linda Blvd., CA, and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the exceptions of Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day. The Museum is fully handicapped accessible. For more information, call 714-983-9120 or go to www.nixonlibrary.gov.