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Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, and Professionals -

SUBJECT: Invitation for Collaboration - Tribal Wellness and Resiliency Gathering

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), I am writing today to invite collaboration on the Washington State Suicide Prevention Plan at the Tribal Wellness and Resiliency Gathering on:

May 28-30, 2024
[Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort](#)
[Registration and Event Information](#)
RSVP by May 17, 2024

This event is in line with the strategic initiatives of the [Department of Health Suicide Prevention Program Unit](#) with hopes to foster and sustain both rural and urban based native communities. This gathering will focus on a strength-based approach to prevention and emphasize protective factors inherent in tribal cultural traditions and practices that address the risk factors that adversely impact tribal people.

For additional information and to provide written feedback, contact Tribal Suicide Prevention Program Specialist Gerry RainingBird at gerry.rainingbird@doh.wa.gov or 360-831-2511 or Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations Executive Director (OTPHR) Candice Wilson at candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov or 360-819-7626.

Sincerely,

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