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Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders and Tribal Partners -

SUBJECT: Informational – Notice of Health Equity Zone for Native Communities Submission – Closing Date Extension

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), I am writing to you today to inform you that the Health Equity Zone (HEZ) for Native Communities submission closing date has been extended to **June 9, 2024**.

As I wrote to you on [March 4, 2024](#), we are inviting tribes, tribal organization, urban Indian organizations (or a collaborative of these entities) to [apply for the pilot phase](#) of the Health Equity Zones Initiative. For more information about the initiative, the design of the Zone for Native Communities submission and selection process, and informational sessions, please visit the [Health Equity Zones](#) page.

For additional information about the Health Equity Zones Initiative or to provide written feedback, please contact Health Equity Zones Manager Brianne Ramos at Brianne.Ramos@doh.wa.gov or 360-878-7892, or Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations (OTPHR) Executive Director Candice Wilson at Candice.Wilson@doh.wa.gov or 360-819-7626.

Sincerely,

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