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READOUT OF PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KATHARINE T. SULLIVAN'S APPEARANCE AT THE OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME TRIBAL CONSULTATION AUGUST 20, 2019

NEW BUFFALO, MI – Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan today addressed a gathering of more than 40 tribal leaders at a government-to-government consultation to discuss tribal victim assistance funding. The consultation was organized by OJP's Office for Victims of Crime and drew some 150 tribal, federal, state and local officials.

The meeting was designed to solicit feedback from tribal leaders on the use of current and future funding set aside for tribal use under the federal Crime Victims Fund. OVC recently awarded 153 grants, totaling \$88 million, under the first-ever tribal victim set-aside. An additional \$167 million in set-aside funding is now available to tribes.

PDAAG Sullivan discussed the Department of Justice's commitment to supporting American Indian and Alaska Native crime victims. She highlighted her visit to Alaska with Attorney General Barr in June, where she heard from tribal representatives about high rates of violence and an inadequate law enforcement presence in native villages. After his return from Alaska, the Attorney General announced \$10 million in emergency funding from OJP and DOJ's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to support law enforcement in Alaska Native communities.

Today's consultation follows a listening session in Palm Springs, California, in December 2018 and a tribal consultation in Fairbanks, Alaska, in May. PDAAG Sullivan is also participating in the Office on Violence Against Women Annual Tribal Consultation, which takes place after the OVC consultation.

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