

Dear _____,

The Chief Justice and the Nebraska Consortium of Tribal, State, and Federal Courts, whose membership can be found [here](#), is hosting four public engagement events for Native American communities in Nebraska. I would like to extend an invitation you and/or your staff to attend the events.

They will be held on:

- November 5, 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM (CASA for Douglas County, 2412 St. Mary's Ave, Omaha)
- November 6, 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM (Ohiya Casino, 53142 Hwy 12, Niobrara, Nebraska)
- November 7, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Nebraska Indian Community College, 1111 US 75, Macy, Nebraska)
- November 7, 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM (Little Priest Tribal College, 601 E College Road, Winnebago, Nebraska)

A flyer is attached with more information.

The Consortium grew out of the roundtable event that the Chief Justice hosted last year in South Sioux City as part of his summer tour. It became very clear at the meetings that there was work to do to continue to grow the relationships between the sovereigns, and so the Consortium took shape.

The purpose of the events is to hear from Native American communities about the issues that are most important to them and let that guide the work of the Consortium going forward. We want the work of the Consortium to be valuable to the population of people most affected by it. This project is funded by a grant from the National Center for State Courts, whose guiding theory is that public engagement by courts with communities can help to increase trust and confidence in the court system, which is our hope.

Judge Bill Thorne, who has been both a tribal and state judge and is a national leader in state/tribal relations, and Jenny Walter, former staff to the California Tribal Court/State Court forum, will be coming in to facilitate the events. The events will also include a "Know Your Rights" presentation from Legal Aid.

I hope you are able to make it. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

