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Dear Tribal Leaders and Indigenous Language Supporters,

Cultural Survival, the National Museum of the American Indian, and the National Alliance to Save Native Languages are hosting the 2009 National Native Language Revitalization Summit in Washington DC at NMAI.

This prestigious event will bring together hundreds of stakeholders in Native language recovery from across Indian Country for three days of inspiring work to save Native languages. Tribes everywhere are in a crucial race against the clock to breathe life once again into their languages. Many find themselves in the 59th minute of the final hour in saving these languages.

You can help make a difference by supporting the National Native Language Revitalization Summit. This Summit is a key weapon for those communities that are taking bold and decisive action. Participants will engage in three days of training, demonstrations, seminars, and panels that will help them preserve or recover their languages. NMAI, the Library of Congress, and the National Archives have joined us in this unprecedented effort to help tribal communities reclaim their language material and revitalize their languages before it is too late.

In May of 2009, NMAI will open its doors to this critical gathering. As the excitement builds, you have an opportunity to get involved and deepen the impact of Native language recovery. Enclosed you will find our sponsorship levels. We encourage you to invest in the revitalization of Native languages by becoming a sponsor of the summit.

We, as Native People, will decide the fate of our languages and decide what is carried on to the future for generations beyond our place in history to enjoy. Indian Country understands the urgency, and the popularity of this Summit continues to grow in response to the immediate need.

The hosts of this Summit have long envisioned the recovery of Native languages. Tribes across Indian country have joined them. Now is the time to support this growing movement. You can help by becoming a co-sponsor of the Summit.

We thank you for your consideration, and hope you will look favorably on this request. Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions. We can be reached at 617-999-7795 (Ryan) or 617-441-5400 x15 (Jennifer).

You can read more about the summit and download registration forms and a preliminary agenda on our website at www.cs.org/programs/elc/program

Sincerely,

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Cultural Survival and the National Alliance to Save Native Languages

Jennifer Weston (Hunkpapa Lakota/Standing Rock Sioux)
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and The National Alliance to Save Native Languages

Proudly organizing and facilitating the 2009 National Native Language Revitalization Summit

We received enthusiastic support for the first annual Summit; however we now have a greater need. Below are the sponsorship levels and benefits that accompany them. Let's break last year's sponsorship levels!

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