

# **Division of Indian Affairs Annual Report**

Native American Legislative Liaison Committee Nov. 13, 2024

#### Mission:

The Utah Division of Indian Affairs' mission is to promote positive intergovernmental relations and to foster government-to-government communication between the state of Utah and Utah's American Indian tribal governments.

### **Director's Message:**

The Division of Indian Affairs works to promote a better working relationship between the state and Utah's eight sovereign Tribal governments. The projects and accomplishments detailed in this report demonstrate the work, effort, and successes of our team.

Our efforts during FY24 focused on three C's:

- 1. Cooperation
- 2. Collaboration
- 3. Communication



#### **Native American Summit:**

UDIA hosted a successful Native American Summit on June 14, 2024, at Utah Valley University. Participants included Gov. Cox, Lt. Gov. Henderson, representatives from the state's cabinet agencies, state legislators, and attendance from five of Utah's eight federally recognized Tribes.



## **Native American Summit**



Group photo with Gov. Cox, Lt. Gov. Henderson, and Tribal Leaders

Gov. Cox greets Brad Parry, the vice chair of the Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation.

## **Strengthening Govt.-to-Govt. Relations:**

- Worked with the Governor's Office to schedule individual meetings with each of Utah's eight federally recognized Tribal nations.
- Bi-monthly Utah Tribal Leaders meetings.
- Individual visits to tribal communities.
- Annual Tribal Caucus Day.



# Strengthening Govt.-to-Govt. Relations:



Lt. Gov. Henderson meets with Navajo Nation Speaker, Crystalyne Curley at the 2024 Tribal Caucus Dinner.

Gov. Cox and Lt. Gov. Henderson meet with the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah.

# **Utah's Indigenous Day:**

 This annual event bring together families, community leaders, elected officials, and tribal communities to celebrate, honor, and recognize the contributions of Utah's American Indian community.



## **UDIA** Team



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