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CIRCLE OF RESILIENCE: EMPOWERING INDIAN COUNTRY IN A VIRTUAL WORLD

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Washington, D.C. (May 24, 2021) - The National Council of Urban Indian Health's 2021 Annual Conference, themed Circle of Resilience: Empowering Indian Country in a Virtual World, starts this week running Tuesday, May 25 through Thursday, May 27, 12 - 5 p.m. EST daily. The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) will highlight high priority issues such as COVID-19, mental health disparities, community outreach, Missing and Murdered Native Americans (MMNA), and policy that is directly affecting American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations in urban areas and offer many networking opportunities.

"Against all odds, Indian Country has proven to be resilient. We know you have worked nonstop this year, working harder shifts and longer hours to provide more services for your communities than ever before," said NCUIH CEO Francys Crevier (Algonquin). **"This year's conference is not just a reflection of the work we have done, but the chance for our community members to highlight all the work done at home."**

NCUIH is excited to host an array of subject matter experts, Members of Congress, and representatives from federal agencies with dedicated spaces to collaborate throughout the conference. Today's ever-changing virtual world brings a unique set of challenges while offering leaders the opportunity to innovate within their organizations to better reach the communities they serve.

We want to express our gratitude to our sponsors who graciously contributed to the 2021 NCUIH Annual Conference and to our exhibitors who will offer information and products during the conference for attendees to view or purchase between sessions. We invited a wide range of organizations including arts and crafts vendors to provide an engaging experience for attendees to build relationships and show their support for Indian Country in this new and exciting virtual event space.

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This year's Annual Conference will offer three days of agency reports, best practices to empower and equip urban Indian organizations at the local level, and collaboration focused on culture, healing, culture, medicine, and wellness

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