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VIA INTERDEPARTMENTAL MAIL

The Honorable Tony Evers Governor of Wisconsin 115 East, State Capitol

The Honorable Jeffrey Mursau Chairman, Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations State Representative 113 West, State Capitol

Mr. Jeff Renk Senate Chief Clerk B20 South East, State Capitol

Mr. Patrick Fuller Assembly Chief Clerk Suite 401, Risser Justice Center

Re: Report on County-Tribal Law Enforcement Programs

Dear Governor Evers, Representative Mursau, Assembly Chief Clerk Fuller, and Senate Chief Clerk Renk:

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute § 165.90(5), the Department of Justice is required to report on the performance of cooperative county-tribal law enforcement programs receiving aid under this section. This letter serves as our report.

The County-Tribal Law Enforcement Program provides funding to counties and tribes for law enforcement operations. To be eligible for funding, a county and tribe must develop and submit a joint program plan. This plan includes resolutions of support adopted by both the county board and tribal governing body, signifying cooperation and mutual commitment. This joint planning process plays an important role in strengthening community-law enforcement relationships.

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The grants awarded as a result of the joint planning process provide vital funding for a variety of law enforcement services in predominantly Native American communities across Wisconsin. Funds are used for the costs of personnel, including patrol officers, dispatch staff, and officer overtime. Funds are also used to provide law enforcement equipment, including law enforcement vehicles, items for community education events, crime-fighting software, uniforms, and officer equipment.

The grants awarded through this program, appropriated in the biennial budget, are supported by tribal gaming receipts. The amount appropriated for this program in State Fiscal Year 2019 was \$631,200. For the Calendar Year 2019 funding cycle the department issued 19 awards:

County	Tribe	CY2019 Award
Ashland	Bad River Chippewa	\$47,777
Barron	St. Croix Chippewa	\$15,074
Bayfield	Red Cliff Chippewa	\$43,662
Brown	Oneida Nation	\$37,053
Burnett	St. Croix Chippewa	\$19,208
Iron	Lac du Flambeau Chippewa	\$54,540
Forest	Potawatomi	\$34,126
Forest	Sokaogon Chippewa	\$30,962
Jackson	Ho Chunk Nation	\$26,008
Juneau	Ho Chunk Nation	\$31,029
Menominee	Menominee	\$71,635
Monroe	Ho Chunk Nation	\$22,095
Outagamie	Oneida Nation	\$32,928
Polk	St. Croix Chippewa	\$18,646
Sauk	Ho Chunk Nation	\$25,672
Sawyer	Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa	\$51,546
Shawano	Ho Chunk Nation	\$18,977
Shawano	Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican	\$32,173
Wood	Ho Chunk Nation	\$18,089
	Total:	\$631,200

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The County-Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Program continues to be a valuable resource for assisting local law enforcement in providing public safety services in predominantly Native American communities. I am pleased to share information regarding this important program with you.

Sincerely,

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Wisconsin Attorney General

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