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SUBJECT: TRIBAL CONSULTATION POLICY

EFFECTIVE DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2023

PURPOSE:

This policy establishes basic principles for the business relationship between the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) and the Tribal Governments in the State of Arizona.

AUTHORITY:

Pursuant to A.R.S. 41-2051, each agency shall develop and implement tribal consultation policies to guide the agency's work and interaction with tribal nations of this state.

INTRODUCTION:

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) is a cabinet level agency with the focal point for highway safety issues in Arizona. GOHS provides leadership by developing, promoting, and coordinating programs that influence public and private policy by increasing public awareness of highway safety issues. Funded programs target speed reduction, decreasing impaired driving, increasing seat belt and child safety seat usage, pedestrian and bicycle safety as well as motorcycle safety awareness and driver distractions that can cause traffic fatalities and injuries on our streets and highways. GOHS provides grant funding to law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and non-profit organizations throughout Arizona.

POLICY:

- A. The Governor's Office of Highway Safety recognizes the sovereignty of Tribal governments and their jurisdiction over lands within Tribal Nations and communities as defined by federal law.
- B. GOHS, in coordination with the Community Outreach Coordinator or Tribal Liaison is committed to seek input from appropriate elected or appointed tribal officials before undertaking any action or policy that will, or is reasonably believed to, have the potential to affect to a tribal community or its member.

- C. The Governor's Office of Highway Safety recognizes that the federal government has the primary responsibility for assisting Tribes to regulate and manage the environment within Tribal Nations and Communities.
- D. GOHS will initiate or assist with programs on tribal land when planning, developing and implementing projects that affects highway safety with the approval of the Tribal Nation.
- E. GOHS will designate a Tribal Liaison who will attend Tribal leader meetings or other events that offer insight into specific Tribal needs, as necessary.
- F. To the fullest extent possible and to the best of our ability, GOHS will integrate the input generated from tribal consultation into GOHS's decision-making processes to achieve mutually acceptable solutions.
- G. Upon acceptance of a grant issued by GOHS, the tribe consents and agrees to a limited waiver of its sovereign immunity from suit.


RESPONSIBILITY:

In good faith, the Chief Executive Officer of GOHS, in his official capacity, or through his designee(s), shall endeavor to implement the terms of this policy.

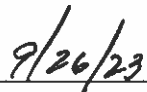
Responsibility for the enforcement of this policy lies with the Chief Executive Officer.

APPROVED BY:

Governor's Office of Highway Safety



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