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**United Indians of All Tribes Foundation Invites Community to 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Seafair Indian Days Pow Wow**

**Seattle, WA - June 16, 2010** - United Indians of All Tribes Foundation will commemorate two historic milestones at its Seafair Indian Days Pow Wow, held July 16-18, 2010 at the Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center in Discovery Park. This year marks both the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the takeover at Ft. Lawton by Native activists that led to the foundation's founding, and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the annual pow wow itself. The three-day cultural celebration featuring contest dancing and drumming, Native crafts and traditional foods, and other intertribal exhibitions is one of the largest Native American pow wows in the Pacific Northwest.

United Indians Executive Director Marty Bluewater explains, "Our annual pow wow has become a Seattle institution. Over the last 25 years, it has grown to the point where it averages over 400 dancers and 10,000 visitors during the course of the weekend. For some, it's the one time a year when they reconnect with Native culture. For others, it's the highlight of the entire Seafair and pow wow seasons."

The Seafair Indian Days Pow Wow is one of United Indians' many community programs. The organization also runs a Head Start program, transitional living home for homeless youth, elders lunch program, foster care placement program among many others.

Bluewater continues, "This is special year for United Indians. When the first protestors scaled the cliffs at Ft. Lawton in order to demand that their voices be heard, they had a vision of a strong and vibrant Native community. Forty years later, we are still here and still going strong. Being able to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of United Indians and mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the pow wow with the entire community will be the highlight of our year."

**Highlights from the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Seafair Indian Days Pow Wow will include:**

Friday, July 16, 2010

- Family Night free admission
- Salmon bake dinner booth opens for weekend
- Seafair Indian Days Pow Wow princess crowned
- Exhibition dancing in all categories

Saturday, July 17, 2010

- Contest dancing in all categories
- Honoring of original Ft. Lawton invaders
- Coastal tribes exhibition dancing

Sunday, July 18, 2010

- Bernie Whitebear Men's Traditional Special Contest
- Dance contest winners announced

Admission is \$5 and pow wow grounds open daily at noon.

*This is a drug and alcohol free event.*

All events are open to the public and will take place at the pow wow grounds at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center.

About United Indians of All Tribes Foundation

United Indians of All Tribes Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization founded in Seattle, Washington in 1970. The mission of United Indians is to foster and sustain a strong sense of identity, tradition, and well-being among the Indian people in the Puget Sound area by promoting their cultural, economic, and social welfare. For more information about United Indians or to make a donation, visit [www.unitedindians.org](http://www.unitedindians.org).

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