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The Honorable Scott Walker, Governor
Assembly Chief Clerk
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Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations
State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Governor Walker and Members:

The Department of Justice, under section 165.90 of the Wisconsin Statutes 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.

This marks the twenty-fifth year that the Department has awarded grants for cooperative county-tribal law enforcement programs. The statutes require counties and tribes to develop **joint** program plans. The Department requires plans to include resolutions of support for the plan adopted by county boards and tribal governing bodies, to signify cooperation and mutual commitment.

This program pays for a variety of law enforcement services to Native American communities across Wisconsin. Grants have been used for the costs of personnel, patrol, investigation, crime prevention, K-9 units, information technology, law enforcement training, alternatives to drug abuse and gang involvement, diversity training, cultural awareness education, and emergency/rescue equipment. Funds were also used to provide vital law enforcement equipment such as AED units, impact reduction suits, portable breath testers, pistols and ammunition. A growing number of grants are awarded to programs that include tribal liaison personnel. These positions play an important role in building stronger relationships between the agencies and in the closing the gap between community members and the Sheriff's Department.

The amount appropriated for this program in State Fiscal Year 2013, was \$631,200. Grant funds come from tribal gaming receipts as appropriated in the biennial budget. For Calendar Year 2013, the Department issued 19 awards totaling \$631,200. These awards were in the following amounts:

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| <u>COUNTY</u> | <u>TRIBE</u> | <u>CY2013 AWARD</u> |
|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ashland | Bad River Chippewa | \$49,755 |
| Barron | St. Croix Chippewa | \$13,917 |
| Bayfield | Red Cliff Chippewa | \$49,335 |
| Brown | Oneida Nation | \$36,444 |
| Burnett | St. Croix Chippewa | \$14,740 |
| Forest | Potawatomi | \$34,663 |
| Forest | Sokaogon Chippewa | \$30,009 |
| Jackson | Ho Chunk Nation | \$27,625 |
| Juneau | Ho Chunk Nation | \$30,764 |
| Menominee | Menominee | \$68,724 |
| Monroe | Ho Chunk Nation | \$22,496 |
| Outagamie | Oneida Nation | \$32,075 |
| Polk | St. Croix Chippewa | \$15,706 |
| Sauk | Ho Chunk Nation | \$26,188 |
| Sawyer | Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa | \$58,508 |
| Shawano | Ho Chunk Nation | \$16,432 |
| Shawano | Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican | \$36,602 |
| Vilas | Lac du Flambeau Chippewa | \$49,190 |
| Wood | Ho Chunk Nation | <u>\$18,027</u> |
| TOTAL | | \$631,200 |

The Department of Justice's County-Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Program continues to be a valuable resource needed by local law enforcement to provide services in Native American communities. In addition, this program helps build a cooperative atmosphere and positive relationship between law enforcement and tribal governments and communities. I am pleased to share information regarding this important program with you.

Sincerely,



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Attorney General