



January 2021 Story Archives

A record 6 Native Americans were elected to Congress. Here's where they stand on climate.

"Indigenous representation in Congress first surged two years ago, after the [2018 midterm elections](#). Deb Haaland, who is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Laguna and has Jemez Pueblo heritage, was elected to represent New Mexico's first congressional district. Sharice Davids, an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin, was elected to represent Kansas' third congressional district. Both Democrats were reelected this month. From rising sea levels and dying coastal ecosystems to drought and crop losses, the six House districts that will be represented by Native Americans next year face a variety of imminent threats from climate change. Here's how these representatives plan to tackle the unique climate challenges faced by their constituents."

On November 18, 2020, Angely Mercado and Naveena Sadasivam published an [article in Grist](#) looking at the implications of having a record six Native American delegates in the U.S. House of Representatives in terms of addressing climate change.

NCAI Passes Climate-Related Resolutions at 77th Annual Convention and Marketplace

Last month, NCAI and its voting membership passed two climate action resolutions and amended a previous 2017 resolution on the Paris Climate Accord.

- #PDX-20-030: [The Development of a 2021 Tribal Climate Crisis Action Plan](#) calls upon NCAI to approve the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians' Tribal Review of the U.S. House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis' Congressional Action Plan. The ATNI Tribal Review will be used to develop and implement a congressional, executive branch, and international tribal climate crisis action strategy.
- #PDX-20-044: This [resolution](#) calls upon NCAI to fully support tribal nations that seek to adopt a co-production of knowledge approach for research conducted on, near, or about tribal lands, waters, air, and communities.

- Amended #MOH-17-053: This [amended resolution](#) calls upon the President of the United States to rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement as soon as possible. NCAI released a [statement](#) on November 4 condemning the United States' formal withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord.

NCAI [published a list of all resolutions](#) passed at their 77th Annual Convention.

Climate Adaptation Integration Tool (CAIT) Incorporates Climate Information into Local Decision- Making Processes

In a multi-agency effort supported by the Northwest CASC, scientists from the USGS, U.S. Forest Service, and various NGO's recently released the [Climate Adaptation Integration Tool \(CAIT\)](#) to help resource managers incorporate downscaled climate data into local climate adaptation decision-making processes. [Learn more](#) about this new resource.

South Central CASC Tribal Liaison Awarded Outstanding Tribal GIS Member Award



South Central CASC Tribal Resilience Liaison April Taylor recently received the Outstanding Tribal GIS Member Award from the National Tribal Geographic Information Support Center, which represents more than 200 Tribal Nations. The award was presented to April in recognition and appreciation of her dedication, hard work, and outstanding leadership in the climate science and geospatial fields and her ongoing efforts to bridge the connection between the global impacts of climate change and Tribal communities through climate science education, resources, and technology.