

THE NATIONAL INDIAN COUNCIL ON AGING

**FORTY-SEVEN YEARS OF ADVOCATING ON BEHALF THE NATION'S INDIAN
AND ALASKAN NATIVE ELDERS**

FACTS TO CONSIDER IN PREPARATION FOR MEETING THE NEEDS OF TRIBAL ELDERS

- **1 IN 3 TRIBAL ELDERS WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH ALZHEIMERS AND RELATED DEMENTIA WITHIN THE NEXT DECADE; COMPARED TO 1 IN 5 IN THE NON-INDIAN POPULATION**
- **THERE ARE 23 LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES ON TRIBAL LANDS WITH A BED CAPACITY OF LESS THAN 1,000**
- **POPULATION HAS INCREASED FROM 50,800 IN 1960 TO 549,000 IN 2020 AND EXPECTED TO GROW TO OVER 600,000 BY 2030**
- **POPULATION SHIFT OF 70% LIVING IN URBAN OR OFF-RESERVATION COMPARED TO 30% IN 1980**
- **5,981 NATIVES DIED DUE TO COVID-19; 3,589 WERE TRIBAL ELDERS REPRESENTING A LOSS OF 233,259 YEARS OF TRIBAL HISTORY, LANGUAGE AND CUSTOMS – NEVER TO BE RETRIEVED**

POLICIES AND LEGISLATION AFFECTING TRIBAL ELDERS AND COMMUNITIES

- NATIONAL INDIAN ELDERS CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 25-29, 2023, CHEROKEE, NC, HARRAH'S**
- 2024 NATIONAL ELECTIONS & IMPACTS**
- 2025 REAUTHORIZATION OF THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT**
- DECENTENNIAL WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING IN 2025**
- ISSUES RELATED: LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES; CAREGIVERS TRAINING; ELDER PROTECTION; TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TRIBAL AGING COURSES**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION

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