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Dear Tribal Leaders:

I am writing to you today to reaffirm Arizona State University's commitment to strengthening tribal nations and communities. In a current time of substantial change and to prepare for uncertainty, please know that we at ASU will continue to advance the principles embedded in the [Arizona State University Charter](#):

*ASU is a comprehensive public research university, **measured not by whom it excludes, but by whom it includes and how they succeed**; advancing research and discovery of public value; and assuming **fundamental responsibility for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the communities it serves.***

Our relationship with tribal nations and communities is an extension of the federal trust responsibilities that are recognized in the U.S. Constitution, treaties, executive orders, and judicial decisions as a government-to-government relationship. ASU has established tribal consultation protocols that honor and recognize tribal sovereignty and self-governance—with longstanding investments in Indian country that generates economic vitality benefiting the entire state.

Arizona State University reaffirms its duty first articulated in my 2015 "ASU Commitment to America Indian Tribes" statement: *We are dedicated to supporting tribal nations in achieving futures of their own making while building and strengthening leadership capacities to address challenges for Native nations in the 21st Century and beyond.*

ASU has a long history of supporting tribal programs beginning with the Center for Indian Education in 1959. Presently, ASU supports the self-governance of tribal nations through such programs as Construction in Indian Country, Indian Legal Program, Office of American Indian Projects, American Indian Studies, American Indian Policy Institute, and an immense number of American Indian graduates over the years.

ASU's commitment to tribal nations and communities remains resolute. Inherent in the [design aspirations](#) of the New American University, ASU seeks to embrace our place, connect with tribal communities, and enable the success of all American Indian students.

I am grateful for your efforts to advance education, healthcare, jobs, quality of life, and opportunity for all. If ever we at ASU can be of assistance to you, don't hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael Crow'.

Michael M. Crow
President