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The Honorable James E. Doyle, Governor  
Members of the Wisconsin State Legislature  
Members of the Legislative Council Committee on State-Tribal Relations  
State Capitol  
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Governor Doyle and Members:

Section 165.90 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires the Department of Justice to report on the performance of cooperative county-tribal law enforcement programs receiving aid under this section. This letter constitutes our report.

This marks the twentieth 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 patrol, investigation, crime prevention, K-9 units, information technology, law enforcement training, alternatives to drug abuse and gang involvement, diversity training, cultural awareness education, family programs and emergency equipment. An increasing number of grants are awarded to programs that include tribal police departments, while most generally help pay for services provided by county sheriffs to Native American reservations and communities.

The amount appropriated for this program in State Fiscal Year 2008 was \$708,400, an amount that has not been increased since 1995. Grant moneys come from Indian gaming receipts as appropriated in the biennial budget. For Calendar Year 2008, the Department issued 18 awards totaling \$708,400. These awards were in the following amounts:

COUNTY

TRIBE

2008 AWARD

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|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Ashland      | Bad River Chippewa           | \$56,227         |
| Bayfield     | Red Cliff Chippewa           | \$58,415         |
| Brown        | Oneida Nation                | \$35,284         |
| Burnett      | St. Croix                    | \$10,428         |
| Forest       | Potawatomi                   | \$44,216         |
| Forest       | Sokaogon Chippewa            | \$36,197         |
| Jackson      | Ho Chunk Nation              | \$33,514         |
| Juneau       | Ho Chunk Nation              | \$36,906         |
| Menominee    | Menominee                    | \$60,928         |
| Monroe       | Ho Chunk Nation              | \$24,693         |
| Outagamie    | Oneida Nation                | \$37,061         |
| Polk         | St. Croix                    | \$15,680         |
| Sauk         | Ho Chunk Nation              | \$27,994         |
| Sawyer       | Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa | \$76,520         |
| Shawano      | Ho Chunk Nation              | \$14,717         |
| Shawano      | Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican   | \$53,198         |
| Vilas        | Lac du Flambeau Chippewa     | \$65,080         |
| Wood         | Ho Chunk Nation              | <u>\$21,342</u>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                              | <b>\$708,400</b> |

The Department of Justice's County-Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Program continues to help local law enforcement provide needed 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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