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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 twenty-second 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. An increasing number of grants are awarded to programs that include tribal police departments, generally helping to pay for tribal liaison personnel and patrol services provided to Native American reservations and communities.

The amount appropriated for this program in State Fiscal Year 2009 was \$701,300. Grant funds come from Indian gaming receipts as appropriated in the biennial budget. For Calendar Year 2010, the Department issued 19 awards totaling \$701,300. These awards were in the following amounts:

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COUNTY	TRIBE	CY2010 AWARD
Ashland	Bad River Chippewa	\$54,007
Barron	St. Croix Chippewa	\$14,252
Bayfield	Red Cliff Chippewa	\$55,729
Brown	Oneida Nation	\$39,763
Burnett	St. Croix Chippewa	\$12,928
Forest	Potawatomi	\$41,212
Forest	Sokaogon Chippewa	\$34,236
Jackson	Ho Chunk Nation	\$30,976
Juneau	Ho Chunk Nation	\$35,401
Menominee	Menominee	\$75,138
Monroe	Ho Chunk Nation	\$23,666
Outagamie	Oneida Nation	\$35,302
Polk	St. Croix Chippewa	\$11,775
Sauk	Ho Chunk Nation	\$27,408
Sawyer	Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa	\$69,437
Shawano	Ho Chunk Nation	\$17,040
Shawano	Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican	\$45,251
Vilas	Lac du Flambeau Chippewa	\$57,726
Wood	Ho Chunk Nation	<u>\$20,053</u>
TOTAL		\$701,300

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,

J.B. Van Hollen Attorney General