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Governor Bullock to Host Ceremonial Bill Signing to Expand American Indian Youth Suicide Prevention Efforts

On Wednesday, May 27th, at 2:20 pm, Governor Steve Bullock will be joined by Fort Peck Tribal leaders, as he hosts a ceremonial bill signing for a measure to expand youth suicide prevention efforts in tribal communities. Funding for this effort was included in the main budget bill (HB 2) from the recently ended legislative session. The measure provides \$250,000 over the next biennium to bolster Native American youth suicide prevention efforts in Montana.

According to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 30.5 percent American Indians students in urban schools have seriously considered attempting suicide during the past twelve months, and 20.6 percent of American Indian students in urban schools have attempted suicide.

WHO: Governor Steve Bullock, Ft. Peck Tribal Leaders, Rep. Bridget Smith

WHAT: Ceremonial Signing of Measure to Expand Suicide Prevention Efforts for American Indian Youth

WHEN: 2:20 pm, Wednesday, May 27, 2015

WHERE: Ft. Peck Buffalo Range Surveillance Pasture (Near mile marker 19 on Highway 13 North)

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