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Gathering of Nations Returns to A Live Event

2022 Gathering of Nations Pow Wow On the "Powwow Grounds" at Expo New Mexico/Tingley Coliseum Ultra-Health – Title Sponsor

Albuquerque, N.M. – It was March 11, 2020, when due to the increasing approach of the Covid 19 pandemic, that the annual event was cancelled. The Gathering of Nations Powwow was the first major festival event in the United States to be canceled due to the virus. The Gathering of Nations Pow wow cancelation sent shock waves through the festival and event industry, as it all shut down. As we begin to awake from the Corona nightmare, the reality is that the Gathering of Nations Powwow was the first major event shutdown and the last to return in America The 39th Annual Gathering Nations Pow Wow, the world's largest gathering of Native American and

Indigenous people, will take place Thursday, April 28 through Saturday, April 30, 2022 in Albuquerque N.M. The Miss Indian World Talent Competition on Thursday evening will take place, once again at the Albuquerque Convention Center, (Tickets \$15.00. while the Powwow on Friday and Saturday (April 29 & 30) will be held on the "Powwow Grounds" At Expo NM/Tingley Coliseum in Albuquerque New Mexico. The Powwow Grounds at Expo NM offer a friendly and welcoming environment, with spacious areas like the enchanting and reverent Teepee Village and the Native American Horse / Regalia and Rider Parade on Main Street, the indoor Indian Traders Market and the home to the World's Tallest Tee Pee structure. Single Day tickets begin at \$20.00 Considered the most prominent Native American event in the North America, the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow will again host tens of thousands of people and more than 700 tribes from throughout the United States, Canada, and around the world. The three-day event will include more than 3,000 traditional Native American singers and dancers competing for prizes, and more than 800 Native American artisans, craftsmen and traders displaying and selling their work. In addition, contemporary indigenous music groups will be performing a wide variety of musical genres on Stage 49. Vendors in the Native Food Court will offer guests a large selection of food choices ranging between southwestern-style cuisine and traditional Native American fare. Please note, the Indian Traders Market will be enhanced along with new facilities and expanded food offerings. The expansion will include local area food trucks, thus increasing the many varieties of tasty and healthy foods available.

In the last economic impact study (May 2019 - determined that the 2019 Gathering of Nations Pow Wow generated Twenty Four million Dollars to local businesses and city coffers. As part of the Gathering of Nations, a young Native American woman will be crowned Miss Indian World and represent all native and indigenous people as a cultural goodwill ambassador.

As one of the largest and most prestigious cultural pageants, Native American and indigenous women will represent their different tribes and traditions. The contestants will compete in the areas of tribal knowledge through interviews, essays, public speaking and traditional presentation, and dance. The Miss Indian World Competition is not a "Beauty Pageant". It is an examination of culture and identity.

"Striving to be a positive cultural and spiritual experience that is exhilarating for everyone, the Gathering of Nations has now settled into the new home for the world's largest powwow at EXPO New Mexico. Tingley Coliseum on the "Powwow Grounds". This venue, just off the historic Route 66 is ideal to create a more intimate powwow experience in the coliseum while creating an expansive Native themed environment that will feature the best in contemporary entertainment performances on Stage 49, the finest in Native American arts and crafts at the Indian Traders Market, and a delicious variety of Native American and Southwest cuisine in the Native Food Court and the Teepee Village. A place to relax and enjoy the sounds and friends. Each afternoon a feature will be the Traditional Horse & Rider Regalia Parade. At night the Powwow Grounds (Under the lights of color, outside Tingley Coliseum will become a magical and different native experience. The Gathering of Nations opens with the Miss Indian World competition on Thursday, April 28th at 7 p.m. in the Albuquerque Convention Center, downtown Albuquerque. Admission is \$15.00. The much-anticipated Grand Entry, where thousands of Native American dancers simultaneously enter the coliseum dressed in colorful outfits or traditional regalia to the sounds of hundreds of beating drums, begins at noon on Friday, April 29 at Tingley Coliseum at Expo Nm. The Grand Entry will be repeated Friday evening at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, at 12 p.m. (noon) and 6 p.m. The new Miss Indian World will be crowned on Saturday evening, after the Grand Entry. Admission to the Powwow and the powwow grounds is \$20.00 per day. Two day passes and VIP passes are also available. Tickets go on sale on the GON website November1st. <u>www.gatheringofnations.com</u>

Fans of the Gathering of Nations are encouraged to listen to the Gathering of Nations Radio on I Heart Radio, the only 24-hour radio station in North America that offers Native American music of all genres including powwow, rock 'n' roll and spoken word. Through the I Heart Radio partnership, Gathering of Nations Internet Radio can be heard on the internet throughout the country and is broadcast over the airwaves in major radio markets.

Advance ticket sales for Miss Indian World Pageant and the Powwow, along with camping reservations begin on line (www.gatheringofnations.com) November 1st. Limited VIP seating is also available. Tickets are always available at the door during the event. General parking is available at Expo New Mexico. For participants and guests traveling to the event, the host hotels include the Double Tree Hotel Downtown (800) 584-5058, Marriott (Uptown) Hotel (800) 228-9290, and the Ramada ABQ (Midtown) (505) 884-5058. Please ask for the special Gathering of Nations rates. RV camping on the Powwow Grounds is SOLD OUT.

The Gathering of Nations Pow wow is a safe and secure family event where everyone is invited and welcomed. We are excited about the rebirth of the Gathering of Nations Pow wow. This event means so much to so many. The Gathering of Nations and Expo New Mexico will apply all Covid safe requirements as directed by NM State and National officials. On Wednesday April 5th, The Gathering of Nations announced that there will not be a vaccine or negative covid test check required for admission. or the full new Covid statement please go to <u>www.gatheringofnations.com/press</u> The official website of the Gathering of Nations Limited For more information on the Gathering of Nations visit <u>www.gatheringofnations.com</u>.

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