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OFFICIAL NOTICE:

2020 NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS SUMMER YOUTH PRACTICUM

I hope that you all are doing great and staying safe! Through much deliberation, the NAFWS has decided to **postpone** the **2020 National Native American Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum (SYP)** that was scheduled for July 20 - July 25, 2020. We are postponing the event to Summer 2021.

The reason for this postponement is due to the uncertainties and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on travel, safety and regulations. We hoped that the pandemic would be more controlled by this time, but it is still uncertain of its path and impacts. The SYP should provide a safe, fun, enjoyable and great learning experience that also allows for community and interaction. We think that our current pandemic situation can impede those important aspects.

The best way to promise a safe, fun, enjoyable and great learning experience is to postpone and reserve the spots of this year's student participants for the event next year. In addition, we are working and brainstorming a virtual exercise and/or activity that our 2020 student participants can be involved with, more information to be available soon.

We hope that you all are staying safe and positive! We are continuing to pray and keep in mind the people of Indian Country through this difficult time - We also remember that we come from a background and ancestral line of incredible and strong resilience.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact Ashley Carlisle, Education Coordinator at acarlisle@nafws.org. Attached is an official formatting of this notice.