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WHITE HOUSE RECOGNIZES CIRI TALENT

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For his efforts to improve Alaska's civil and criminal justice systems, Greg Razo, a CIRI shareholder and company executive, has been recognized as a White House “Champion of Change.” The program was created as an opportunity for the White House to honor individuals working to remove barriers for those with a criminal record.

In addition to his role as CIRI’s vice president of government contracting, Razo serves as chair of the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission, a 13-member board that seeks to enhance public safety, rehabilitation and victim restitution while working to improve criminal laws and practices in Alaska. He also serves as vice chair of the Alaska Native Justice Center (ANJC), a CIRI-founded nonprofit organization that provides legal advocacy, referral and support to Alaska Native and other Native American people involved with Alaska’s legal system.

Alaska Native people face increasingly disproportionate rates of victimization, incarceration and other justice-related issues in Alaska. Through culturally-based advocacy, prevention and intervention initiatives, ANJC is working to restore dignity, respect and humanity to all Native peoples.

“I’ve been an active lawyer in Alaska for 30 years, and as such I feel a responsibility to give back to the public in some way,” Razo said. “For me, that means pursuing public service opportunities that make the law more accessible for those who have the hardest time accessing the law. I’m very fortunate to have CIRI support me in these activities.”

Approximately 70 million people nationwide – or one-third of working-age adults – have been arrested or convicted of a crime. According to current statistics released by the White House, more than 600,000 individuals are freed from state and federal prisons each year. These individuals often leave prison with few resources and practical skills, and without the support they need to successfully reintegrate into society.

“In addition to being an instrumental executive of the company, Greg’s service to the community exemplifies the values that are important to CIRI and our shareholders,” said CIRI President and CEO Sophie Evans Smith. “We appreciate his efforts to strengthen our community and make it safer, and we congratulate him for this distinguished honor.”

Razo and nine other honorees were recognized at an event April 27 at the White House. For information on Fair Chance Opportunities, visit www.whitehouse.gov/champions.

ANHC’s Annette Evans Smith Named to National Arts Council

For her work sustaining Alaska’s diverse cultures and languages, last month President Barack Obama announced the nomination of Annette Evans Smith as a member of the National Council on the Arts. Evans Smith is the president and CEO of the Alaska Native Heritage Center (ANHC), a CIRI-founded nonprofit organization, and brings “a depth of cultural heritage to the arts.”

Approximately 614,000 Alaskans are Alaska Natives, representing 11 different language groups. In 2010, there were 26 Alaska Native corporations, including CIRI, which was formed in 1971 as a result of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The primary focus of ANHC, an Alaska Native corporation, is to preserve, promote and celebrate Alaska Native heritage through the arts.

For his many years of service, CIRI extends its appreciation to Charles ‘Chuck’ G. Anderson. A member of CIRI’s Board of Directors for nearly 30 years, Anderson served as Board chair from 2005 to 2013 and is currently chair emeritus. He will not seek re-election this year.

Anderson, whose mother was Russian and Aleut, spent his early years on Long Island, Alaska, near Kodiak, where he and his family were the sole inhabitants. “My father brought a midwife to the island when I was born,” Anderson said. When he was 7 or 8, his family moved to Kodiak where they owned a mink farm and lived a subsistence lifestyle.

After serving in the Korean War, Anderson joined the Anchorage Police Department in 1953, moving up the ranks and serving as chief of police from 1974 until his retirement.

What kind of person makes a good law enforcement officer? According to Anderson, it takes someone who is emotionally well-balanced, fair and understanding. “You see the worst parts of life, and it’s difficult not to become calloused. You see awful things, the death of people – you need to be compassionate.”

After retiring from the police force, Anderson served one term in the state legislature, “but I wasn’t happy; I didn’t care for partisan politics. In law enforcement, I could make a difference in people’s lives. I had to raise money in the legislature, I didn’t like asking people for help.”

The CIRI Board of Directors was a better fit. “Very refreshing,” he said. Anderson’s vision for CIRI was to remain an Alaska Native-owned company that provides a consistent stream of dividends, supports Elders through a trust fund and provides jobs, healthcare and housing through affiliated non-profit organizations. Over the years, he helped that vision become a reality.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
Sophie Minich, CIRI president and chief executive officer

Last month I wrote about our 2015 Annual Report, which presents CIRI’s financial performance for the previous year and provides information on the economic health of our corporation. Along with distributing the Annual Report, we’ve just finished holding a series of Information Meetings, and I’d like to take a minute to address the new format we tried this year. It is our hope that this meeting format made it easier for our shareholders to ask questions and offer opinions and get to know CIRI’s executives, staff, Directors and Board candidates on a more personal level.

An important part of fulfilling CIRI’s mission is soliciting shareholder feedback. This feedback allows us to determine how to best deliver meaningful and sustaining benefits to our more than 8,700 shareholders. Held in the spring, our Information Meetings take place after the audited financial statements and Annual Report for the prior year have been completed and mailed to shareholders.

Members of CIRI’s Shareholder Participation Committee (SPC) had advised us that many shareholders would prefer an open meeting format, with booths allowing attendees an opportunity to visit one-on-one with executives, Directors and Board candidates, and to ask questions and offer feedback in an informal, low-pressure environment.

Heeding that recommendation from the SPC, our Kenai Information Meeting, held April 16 at Kenai Central High School, followed our traditional meeting format: lunch, a presentation about CIRI’s financial performance in 2015 and speeches from candidates for the CIRI Board of Directors. But we tried an “open meeting” format for our Anchorage Information Meeting, held April 23 at CIRI’s Fireweed Business Center.

While the Anchorage meeting followed this new format, we retained many elements of our traditional Information Meeting, including deliciously catered food and a financial presentation with leaders of the corporation.

Our Northwest Information Meeting, which took place May 7 at the Seattle Airport Marriott Hotel, also followed the open meeting format. The Marriott was a new location for CIRI. In response to shareholder requests, we’ve held meetings both north and south of Seattle, but during several focus groups held in late 2014, multiple shareholders asked that CIRI occasionally hold a meeting in a more central location.

The Marriott, located near SeaTac Airport and easily accessible by bus and the Link light rail, fit the bill.

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– SOPHIE MINICH

For those of you who took the time to attend our Information Meetings, thank you! I was happy to see so many of you come out to learn about CIRI’s business and share your ideas for how to continue to make CIRI a successful company. The commitment and enthusiasm of our shareholders and descendants is a critical component of that success. I hope you can join us at the CIRI Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be held June 4 at the Chief Leschi School in Puyallup, Wash. Registration for the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. You must register by 11 a.m. if you wish to vote in person at the meeting.

As you will read in this issue of the Raven’s Circle, the Annual Meeting will mark the end of Charles Anderson’s service on the CIRI Board of Directors. On behalf of the CIRI team, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for Chuck’s many years of service and dedication. His leadership brought us through difficult times and helped put CIRI on a trajectory for success. We are a stronger company because of his service and dedication.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to exercise your right to vote. Voting in elections is one of our most important responsibilities as shareholders, and it ensures our voices are heard in the decision-making process. Shareholders had the option of submitting a proxy vote via mail (deadline to submit was 2 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time on May 26), or they may vote in person at the Annual Meeting.

NATIVE VILLAGE OF EKLUTNA TO HOLD POWWOW

The Native Village of Eklutna will hold its 2016 Powwow/Potlatch June 18-19. The powwow is an opportunity for the community to interact with the Eklutna Village. It will feature intertribal drummers, dance groups, Alaska Native crafts and information booths. The powwow is open to the public; all are welcome.

WHEN:
Gates open at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19. A concert performance for teens and young adults will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 18.

LOCATION:
The powwow will be held on Eklutna Inc. land, Mile 26.5 on the Glenn Highway.

Cost: Gate fee is $5/vehicle. Raffle tickets are $1 per ticket or $5 for six tickets.

For further information, check out the Facebook page “Native Village of Eklutna Powwow” or call 907-688-6020.

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SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT: SABRINA WALKER

Running Toward a Cure

The first time she ran the 16-mile Lost Lake Run, CIRI shareholder Sabrina Walker (Tlingit) was greeted by a face at each half-mile marker. The faces weren’t those of cheering fans; they were photos of Alaskans who had been affected by cystic fibrosis (CF).

Sabrina could relate. Since the age of four, she has worked to maintain a healthy lifestyle while dealing with CF, a genetic disorder that mainly affects the lungs. Today, at age 29, Sabrina manages her CF with daily doses of nutritional supplements, enzymes, antibiotics and, most of all, running.

“Running, for me, has been a huge asset,” Sabrina explains. The activity helps clear her lungs and lets her maintain a high level of fitness. It allows her a measure of control over CF, for which there isn’t yet a cure.

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She has completed Lost Lake every year since 2012. In that time, her fundraising team — made up of friends and family — has grown to 26 members, all of whom are running under the team name “Sabrina Fights CF” this year. The course is a steady, approximately 10-mile uphill climb from the Primrose Campground at milepost 17 on the Seward Highway; it continues downhill on a U.S.

For helping prevent a suicidal woman from jumping from an overpass bridge, CIRI Energy Operations Manager Dan Mullins was honored by the American Red Cross of Alaska at its 17th annual Real Heroes Breakfast, held April 27 in Anchorage.

Mullins was one of three citizens who received the Good Samaritan Award for helping to save the woman’s life.

“I was heading eastbound down Northern Lights Boulevard and saw a few cars stopped on the side of the road. I looked up and I saw a lady on the bridge, so I stopped traffic with my truck — I blocked everybody and I got out and started asking what was going on,” Mullins recalled. “I told a few people to call 911 and then my Army training kicked in because the Army really tries to educate you on suicide awareness and what to do, the steps with ACE (ask, care, escort), and so I went up there and started talking to her.”

Mullins was able to distract the woman by talking to her while another individual at the scene grabbed her by her sweatshirt and pulled her to safety.

CIRI congratulates Dan Mullins on this well-deserved honor!

CIRI ENERGY EMPLOYEE DAN MULLINS HONORED WITH HERO STATUS

IMPORTANT CIRI DATES

May 30, 2016
Memorial Day holiday; CIRI offices closed

May 31, 2016
Address change and direct deposit deadline for the second quarter Elders’ Settlement Trust distribution

June 4, 2016
2016 CIRI Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Puyallup, Wash. (Visit www.ciri.com for details.)

June 10, 2016
Second quarter Elders’ Settlement Trust distribution

June 10, 2016
Nomination deadline: Shareholder, Elder and Youth Awards

June 13, 2016
Deadline to sign up for direct deposit for the second quarter dividend

June 22, 2016
Address change and cancel direct deposit deadline for the second quarter dividend

June 30, 2016
Second quarter dividend distribution

July 4, 2016
Independence Day; CIRI offices closed

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Suicide is the second-leading cause of death for Alaska Native people between the ages of 15 and 34. Suicide is tragic, and often preventable.

CIRI encourages you to explore the prevention resources available in your area. Contact information for resources in particular cities and states may be located by calling 2-1-1 or visiting www.211.org.

Southcentral Foundation’s Denaa Yeets’ program provides services to Alaska Native and American Indian people ages 18+ who have had recent thoughts of ending their lives. For information, call 907-729-5260 or visit www.southcentralfoundation.com.

And remember, if you are worried about someone, talk to them. By reaching out, you could save a life.

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NATIVE YOUTH OLYMPICS CELEBRATE COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

Bulk may rule the football field, brown the wrestling mat and height the basketball court, but compact, slim athletes dominate the wrist carry, one of nearly a dozen competitive events at the Native Youth Olympics (NYO), an annual event produced by CIRI-affiliated nonprofit Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) and sponsored in part by CIRI.

More than 50 teams from across the state participated in this year’s games, held April 21-23 at the Alaska Airlines Center on the University of Alaska Anchorage campus.

NYO is based on traditional athletic contests and games developed by Alaska Native people to help develop skills critical to everyday life. The wrist carry, for instance, represents the significance of a successful hunt. The Eskimo stick pull was traditionally used as practice for pulling seals from the ice. The knee-jump strengthens the leg muscles used for ice floe-hopping and lifting prey after a successful hunt. The wrist carry is tailor-made for small, strong athletes.

Steven Gregory, a high-school teacher from Unalaska, has coached NYO male athletes for 16 years. “In addition to physical conditioning, I love what the games instill as far as values – the continuity and camaraderie of it all,” he said. “It’s also about passing down knowledge. Last week in practice, I had three generations of competitors who’d returned to help coach the younger kids. You don’t see poor sportsmanship or bad attitudes. It’s all positive.”

Kaye Gumera, a junior at Unalaska City High School, is no stranger to NYO – she has been competing in the games since she was in seventh grade. While the one-foot high kick is her “signature” event, she competes in nine events total. “NYO is like a mini-community,” Gumera said. “I like how it’s open to everyone. You learn about other cultures, but you also learn a lot about yourself. Everyone is very friendly. We all have respect for the sport.”

A year-round program with a quantifiable positive impact on more than 2,000 youth each year, NYO participants benefit from stronger academic performance and improved physical and mental health. According to a 2015 survey of 411 athletes, 75 percent credited NYO as an incentive to stay in school, 74 percent improved or maintained good grades, 69 percent improved self-confidence and 47 percent indicated improved leadership and self-esteem.

2016 represents the 46th year of the games and the sixth year of NYO Partnership, a joint venture by CITC and Cook Inlet Tribal Counsel (CITC). NYO is supported by corporate and individual funders, as well as the United States Department of Education, the National Congress of American Indians, the Alaska Native Education Program and the Alaska Tribal Health Consortium.

For more information visit citci.org/event-programs/nyo-games.

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Anderson is a graduate of the FBI Academy and the Keeler Polygraph Institute. He has served on numerous boards and commissions, including CIRI-affiliated nonprofit Southcentral Foundation (SCF). In 2012, the National Indian Health Board recognized Mr. Anderson’s SCF service by honoring him with a prestigious award for his dedication to improving the health and well-being of Alaska Native and American Indian people.

Anderson’s service on the CIRI Board was praised by fellow directors and CIRI management. “When Chuck took over as chair, the Board had been through some tumultuous years,” said CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich. “His leadership returned a sense of decorum to the CIRI boardroom and members resumed working well together to resolve differences and make the company stronger. It’s one of his enduring legacies.”

Anderson’s term runs until the CIRI Annual Meeting scheduled for June 4.
Forest Service trail through the Chugach National Forest for another six miles to the finish line at the Bear Creek Fire Department in Seward. Peak elevation is 2,100 feet.

It’s a tough trail race, but it’s worth it, Sabrina says. “It’s a rigorous course, and at the finish line, they have pictures of people with CF who have passed away. So it’s this wonderful but sad journey toward this bigger goal – to find a cure.”

Sabrina first started fundraising for CF after graduating from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a degree in elementary education. Thanks to scholarships from The CIRI Foundation, she left school debt free. But after substitute teaching for a year, she realized her immune system couldn’t handle being around kids with colds and runny noses. “If I catch a cold, it puts me at risk for a bigger infection, like pneumonia,” she explains – and that could land her in the hospital.

So Sabrina did what she calls a “career U-turn.” Today, she works as an administrative assistant for the Alaska Native Studies program at the University of Alaska Anchorage. “I enjoy working in the Alaska Native community,” she shares. “Being Alaska Native is part of my identity and my culture, and it’s something I take a lot of pride in.”

So is her status as a CIRI shareholder. “My grandfather was a CIRI shareholder,” Sabrina says. “My mother is, I am and I look forward to my son being one day. Anchorage is a melting pot, and CIRI, as a corporation, really represents that unity of past generations, the current generation and generations to come.”

This year’s race takes place on Aug. 27. Learn more at www.lostlakerun.com.

CIRI is seeking photos from shareholders and descendants for use in the 2017 CIRI calendar. The winning photographers will be eligible to receive prizes!

Theme: CIRI Perspectives
We would like to see photos that exemplify the diverse lifestyles, cultures and places that define our shareholders and descendants. Only electronic .jpg files will be accepted. If you submit photos, please be sure to include the highest resolution possible.

Photos may be emailed to:
Info@CIRI.com
Or a nonreturnable thumb drive can be mailed to:
CIRI Corporate Communications
P.O. Box 93330
Anchorage, Alaska 99509-3330

Visit www.ciri.com/calendar for contest rules and details.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 31, 2016

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grandchildren, Kellan, Tianna, Chayleigh, Alyssa, Aiyah, Abigail, Vivienne, Kaydence, Hayden and Avery; siblings, Ward Courtney, Steven Courtney and Dawn Courtney; father, Sid Blatchford; and adoptive father, Gary Courtney.

Albert Jorgensen, 83
Albert Jorgensen passed away March 27 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Jorgensen was born June 17, 1933, in Nome, Alaska. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Jorgensen; and children, Albert Jorgensen and Kamila Diamond.

Hannah Marie Mylander, 55
Hannah Marie Mylander passed away Feb. 4 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Mylander was born Feb. 21, 1960, in White Mountain, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Lynnea Moon, Ryan A. Mylander, Mike Mylander and Samantha Marie Williams.

Margaret Ann Perry, 78
Margaret Ann Perry passed away March 16 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Perry was born July 9, 1937, in Nome, Alaska. She is survived by her sisters, Kathleen T. Bowes, Mary Jean Yenney and Velma Lee Torkelson; brother, Fred W. Yenney Sr.; and many nieces and nephews.

Condolences
Charles Achayok, 65
Morris James Coffey, 69
Alissa Marie Grohall, 46
Laura Irene Nelson, 73
Marie E. Wegman, 82
ACHIEVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to CIRI shareholder Myrtilda A. Morgan is happy to announce the birth of her grandson, Cassidy Roy. Parents are Tom and Sinah Mooney. Cassidy was born March 21 in Broken Bow, Neb., and weighed 8.14 pounds.

ACHIEVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to CIRI descendant Rosemary Berg on being crowned Miss Alaska 2016. Rosemary is the daughter of Thomas and CIRI shareholder Melanya (Oskolkoff) Berg. She will compete in the national Miss United States pageant in August. Rosemary holds a bachelor’s degree in rural development from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and was recently accepted into graduate school.

ACHIEVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to CIRI descendant Jewelz “Jewelz” Crandall for earning her master’s degree in public health/education and intervention. Jewelz currently works for Southcentral Foundation where she helps facilitate on-the-job work experience for Alaska Native youth. Her public health interests are in health promotion/education and intervention.

ACHIEVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to CIRI shareholder Randall Black is an associate with RE/MAX Associates. He specializes in real estate in Anchorage, Alaska.

SHAREHOLDER AND DESCENDANT-OWNED BUSINESSES

Fair Repair AK, Inc.
www.fairautorepairak.com
(907) 563-0700
6320 A Street · Anchorage, Alaska 99518
Shawn T. Martinez, owner

Provides CIRI shareholders and employees a 10 percent discount on labor, excluding already-discounted package deals. Must present documentation to be eligible.

Fair Repair AK, Inc. is owned by CIRI shareholder Shawn T. Martinez. The company provides full-service automotive repair including pre-buyers inspections and more.

The Hearth Eatery and Catering
chefvirginia@theheartheatery.com
(907) 289-9034
204 Portlock Street · Kenai, Alaska 99611
Virginia L. Faase, owner

Restaurant provides a 10 percent discount to CIRI shareholders.

The Hearth Eatery and Catering is owned by CIRI shareholder Virginia L. Faase. The company specializes in event catering with an emphasis on fresh, local ingredients. A restaurant will open in the near future.

Portable Framing Square LLC
www.portableframingsquare.com
(425) 404-0779
42026 North Shore Lane · Concrete, Wash. 98237
Albert R. Lindstrom, owner

Portable Framing Square is owned by CIRI shareholder Albert R. Lindstrom. The product is marketed to carpenters and is available at Alaska Industrial Hardware and on Amazon.com.

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Randall Black, associate

CIRI shareholder Randall Black is an associate with RE/Max Associates. He specializes in real estate in Anchorage, Alaska.

Superman Moving and Delivery
www.anchoragemovingandservice.com
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(907) 644-0307
1413 West 31st Avenue · Anchorage, Alaska 99503
Eydith M. Briley, owner

Provides discount to CIRI shareholders and employees.

Superman Moving and Delivery is owned by CIRI shareholder Eydith M. Briley. The company specializes in large household and commercial moves.

Three Soaring Eagles
www.etsy.com/your/shops/ThreeSoaringEagles
three soaring eagles@gmail.com
(425) 418-6992
8620 13th Place Northeast
Lake Stevens, Wash. 98258
Pamela Jean, owner

Provides CIRI shareholders, descendants and employees a 15 percent online discount.

Three Soaring Eagles is owned by CIRI shareholder Pamela J. Weingish (Modig) and her daughters, Tammie and Demertia. The company sells handmade beaded jewelry, cedar and pine needle baskets, linen baskets, paintings, handmade soaps, holistic items from essential oil blends including all-natural Devil’s Club warming muscle rub, Devil’s Club healing salve and Devil’s Club anti-aging cream, and other cremes and salves.

WBA Interior Drywall
freebie907@yahoo.com
Anchorage, Alaska
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Wayne Anasogak Sr., owner

WBA Interior Drywall is owned by CIRI shareholder Wayne Anasogak Sr., provides interior drywall for new construction and remodels. (Licensed, bonded and insured)

Qenek Shareholder Portal

Qenek is a Dena’ina Athabascan word that means “news or information.” Qenek is a free, online resource available to all eligible CIRI shareholders. There are two ways of the things you can do with Qenek:

• Update your contact information
• View and update your Dena’ina Language file
• View information about household you own
• View and print your tax information
• AGIF for current events

COMING SOON:
QENEK SHAREHOLDER PORTAL

Qenek is in the final testing phase for a new shareholder portal with plans to go live in the next couple of months. Qenek (a Dena’ina Athabascan word that means “news or information”) will provide easy access to wealth of information and allow shareholders the convenience of making certain record changes online. In addition to being able to access the portal from a computer, the portal is designed to be mobile friendly and will be accessible from a variety of mobile devices. Once available, instructions on how to create a Qenek account will be published in the Raven’s Circle newsletter and on the CIRI website.
INFO MEETINGS
ANCHORAGE
AND SEATTLE

Spring is the season for CIRI Information Meetings. The Anchorage meeting was held April 23 at the CIRI’s Fireweed Business Center. The Northwest meeting took place May 7 at the Marriott Hotel near the SeaTac Airport. Both featured a new open meeting format to encourage more one-on-one time with company executives, Directors and Board candidates.

MISSING SHAREHOLDERS

The following CIRI shareholders do not have a current mailing address on record. When CIRI mail is returned as undeliverable, the distributions are held and the shareholder does not qualify to participate in any prize drawings until the address is updated. Shareholders can fill out the change of address form at CIRI’s offices, download it from the CIRI website or send a signed and dated letter that includes the new address, telephone number, birth date and the last four digits of their social security number.

perience and tremendous dedication” to the role, President Obama said.

Evans Smith joined ANHC as president of community relations and development in 2003 and was named president and CEO in 2011. ANHC showcases Alaska Native cultures and serves to educate visitors about the history and traditions of Alaska Native people.

In addition to her work with ANHC, in 2012, Evans Smith worked on the legislation that established the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council. Nearly all of the 20 indigenous languages spoken in Alaska are listed as critically or severely endangered by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The Language Preservation and Advisory Council provides recommendations and advice to both the Governor and Legislature on programs, policies and projects that support the preservation of these languages.

The National Council on the Arts functions as the advisory body of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), an independent agency of the U.S. federal government that offers support and funding for projects exhibiting artistic excellence. In her new role, Evans Smith, along with the other voting members, will advise the NEA chairman on agency policies and programs, and review and make recommendations on applications for grants, funding guidelines and leadership initiatives.

For information on the National Council on the Arts, visit www.arts.gov/about/national-council-arts.

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SHOPPING FOR ALASKA NATIVE ARTWORK?

Check out CIRI’s new online Alaska Native Artist Directory!

Art is an important part of Alaska Native cultural identity. It helps keep traditions alive, ensuring our proud heritage will be shared for generations to come. CIRI’s new Alaska Native Artist Directory provides an online space for shareholder and descendant artists to connect free of charge with potential customers, including other shareholders and descendants and members of the general public. CIRI is pleased to support its Alaska Native artists and encourages you to do so as well.

• View the directory or apply to have your information included at www.ciri.com/spc.
• Learn about additional artist opportunities at www.ciri.com/shareholders/benefits.
• Visit www.ciri.com/descendants to learn how to register as a CIRI descendant.

* Photos of arts and crafts by CIRI shareholders Melody Daniell.

NEW EPISODE OF CIRIiosity, the CIRI podcast. “A Lawsuit, and a River Runs Through It” explores the U.S. Supreme Court case Sturgeon v. Frost, why CIRI was drawn into the case and what it did to protect future access to its land.

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