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Not Enough Americans Dying From Covid-19 **Democrats Push Abortion to Kill 300,000 More**

As the United States grapples with obtaining enough personal protective equipment (PPE) to fight coronavirus, some states declared that abortion procedures are to be considered essential.

"Terminating a pregnancy is not considered a nonessential, elective invasive procedure, a Massachusetts health official said.

Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, New Jersey, Illinois, Oregon, Hawaii and Virginia deemed abortions essential during the outbreak.

My View = Ernie C. Salgado Jr., * Contributed By: Franklin Motte, Moreno Valley CA Sources: Indian Country Today * Daily Conservative * WND Free Press

medical procedures to preserve Association Executive Direc- Citizens for Life told the Daily personal protective equipment, tor. "We are grateful to the Caller News Foundation in a that abortions are essential.

publican governors in Texas, perately need including access Massachusetts Citizens for Life Ohio, Oklahoma, Indiana and to family planning services." Iowa as well as the governor of Rankin added: "No one should highly contagious disease dur-Mississippi declared abortions use a public health crisis to ing visits to abortion clinics not non-essential and banned these push an ideological agenda, only puts our women at risk procedures to preserve PPE to which is what we are now see- but their families, clinic staff, fight the coronavirus.

Union (ACLU) responded to continue to work together to Gretchen Whitmer's March 20 these abortions bans with an protect the people in their executive order banning nonassortment of lawsuits, in coor- states and fight for the critical essential medical and dental dination with the Planned resources and essential services procedures specifically noted Parenthood Federation of required. Especially in this mo- that "pregnancy-related visits America and abortion provid- ment, Americans are looking and procedures" are to be coners in each of these states.

Meanwhile, Massachusetts, outbreak.

ing. In the face of these ac- and their loved ones as well." The American Civil Liberties tions, Democratic AGs will Michigan's Democratic Gov. their needs first."

New Jersey, Illinois, Oregon, Health Care Safety and Quality procedures" and "labor and them to continue to work. Hawaii and Virginia – all states director Elizabeth Kel- delivery." while Massachusetts is under a own interpretation." state of emergency.

As states ban non-essential Democratic Attorneys General The pro-life Massachusetts (PPE) some states are declaring *people on the front lines of this* statement that the organization *all of our resources to fighting* Democratic New Jersey Gov. Health departments under Re- people get the care they des- abortion will still be permitted.

said. "Risking exposure to the



epidemic who are ensuring is "disheartened" to learn that this pandemic so that the most Phil Murphy suspended all vulnerable can survive." She elective surgeries and invasive added: "Abortion is an elective procedures March 23, but notprocedure that ends the life of ed that this did not include an innocent human being and "family planning and terminadiverts critical personal protec- tion of pregnancies." tive equipment (PPE) away "Explicit exemption for family from our health care workers planning and termination of who are on the front lines. pregnancies," In a March 23 Governor Whitmer should press release from the goverend these unnecessary proce- nor's office stated. "The order dures that further strain our provides that it shall not be health care system, and abor- interpreted in any way to limit tion businesses in the state access to family planning sershould cooperate."

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz's pregnancies." for leaders who are putting sidered essential. The order stay-at-home order exempts The director of Community differentiated between reproductive health care work- engagement at the Women's Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, Massachusetts Bureau of "pregnancy-related visits and ers from this order and allows Centers in New Jersey,

that have banned elective med- ley released a memorandum Michigan Planned Parenthood emptions listed in Minnesota's "listening to medical experts ical procedures - deemed March 15 saying that all proce- CEO and president Carpen- Stay at Home order is for pro- and expressly names abortion abortions essential during the dures that are "non-essential, tier, told the Lansing State viders of reproductive health care as an essential medical elective invasive" procedures Journal. "You can rest assured care," said Democratic Minne- service, ensuring outpatient will be postponed or canceled we didn't leave it up to our sota Attorney General Keith and hospital-based care can Ellison. "It's that high up in the remain available." list because comprehensive "The state of New Jersey has reproductive health care is es- long served as a leader in resential. I'm proud of Minneso- productive healthcare access ta for recognizing that basic and pregnant people can acfact. I call on all states to do cess the abortion care they the same.'

vices, including termination of

Roxanne Sutocky, said in a "One of the first worker ex- statement that New Jersey is

Democratic attorney generals from Oregon, Massachusetts, New York, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Her clarification came after the Michiganders to delay im-Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Min- public health commission- portant medical procedures nesota, Vermont, Virginia, er ordered doctors to cancel all Washington and Wisconsin non-essential procedures also weighed in to express sup- March 10. port for abortion, though not "Terminating a pregnancy is The Susan B. Anthony List that abortion is essential.

tients, health care providers, the memorandum stated.

all of these states have stated not considered a nonessential, elective invasive procedure for abortions to continue during "The safety and health of pa- the purpose of this guidance," and our communities is para- "However, the ultimate deci-said in a statement Thursday. mount," said Sean Rankin, the sion is based on clinical judg- "Right now, we need to devote ment by the caring physician.

"Governor Whitmer requires deemed non-essential, and yet allows elective abortions to continue,"

criticized Whitmer for allowing the pandemic. SBA List president Marjorie Dannenfelser

Pritzker issued an executive forced parental involvement, order about social distancing or insurance restrictions," Suand essential businesses March tocky said, reported Rewire 20 that exempted reproductive News. health care providers from having to stay home.

seek without the interference Illinois Democratic Gov. J.B. of mandated waiting periods,

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The California Tribal Chairperson's Association, Inc. (CTCA) letters submitted to the Department of Interior and Treasury can be reviewed at CALIE.org.

Bo Mazzetti Chairman of the CTCA provided copies of the letter to help keep the American Indian Tribal community informed.

Mazzetti is also the Chairman of the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians located in north San Diego County.

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More Socialist Democratic Insanity By Ernie C. Salgado fr.

The mental instability of the Socialist Democrats is personified The "Above the Law" Senator also by California Senator Dianne Feinstein's demanding billions in made millions of dollars by selling her aid be sent to Iran while blocking aid for American small busi- Wall Street stocks immediately after nesses.

Senator Ted Cruz (R) Texas blasts Senator Dianne Feinstein's cials of the Nationwide shut down.

"death to America." "He pledges to destroy America, which he members of Congress are exempt for the laws they pass upon calls "the Great Satan." "And Senate Democrats want to send is peons.

him millions???" At the EXACT SAME TIME, Senate Dem- It has also been reported that she has been having telephone ocrats are blocking desperately need relief to small businesses conversations with the Ayatollah on violation of federal laws. in America."

PORK to the Stimulus Bill.

she was briefed by White House offi-

demands in a post on Twitter. "The Ayatollah leads chants of Insider trading? No, because the

And let's not forget her shameful attempt to sabotage the ap-All this after adding almost a trillion dollars in self serving pointment of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court.

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American Indian Tribes Win Round One vs Alaskan Native Corporations In Fight Over The \$8-Billion Dog-Bone The U.S. Congress Threw Them!

Mt View - By Ervie C. Salgado Jr. * Sources: Indian Country Today * Huffington Post

Ernie Stevens, Executive Director Na- His decision opens the door for the cannot give emergency COVID funds court filing that Congress "expressly tional Gaming Association was right on Treasury Department to begin sending meant for real Tribal Governments to chose to include Alaska Native corpowhen he told Congress the Tribes checks to tribes. But it leaves open the rich profit Alaska Native Corporations," rations by incorporating in its relief regards to the current issue.

nomic Security Act set aside \$8 billion within his purview to decide how much Her comments are troublesome and The Alaskan Corporations have said and Treasury determined Alaska Na- on the language in the act, it was within was accomplish? Other than pitting Alaska Native regional and village cortive corporations were eligible to re- his purview to decide who should re- Indians against Indians and causing the porations are "tribes" under the law. ceive a share.

with the Departments of Interior and have made a clear showing that they are And creating a time consuming the pandemic. And some have donated Treasury and filed suit seeking an in- *likely to suffer irreparable harm in the* timeframe as the case winds its way as much as \$1 million for the benefit of junction and temporary restraining or- absence of preliminary relief, that they through the federal courts to the Su- their shareholders and their affected der on distribution of the \$8 billion, are likely to succeed on the merits, and preme court a year from now if it even communities. The losses and expendiand opposing any funds going to the *the balance of the equities and the pub*- decides to hear it. Another issue is her tures may well affect the amount of divcorporations. The tribes argue the re- lic interest favor an injunction, the comments implying that gender played idends paid to the Native corporations' lief funding was intended only for the court grants Plaintiffs' motions – but a major role in the courts decision. 574 tribes that have a government-to- **only in part**," Mehta wrote. the suit. And a majority of the 574 he would not, at this time, direct the "Rich?" American Indian Tribes are also in agency to "disburse the entire \$8 billion Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez ed in its May 1, 2020 issue the Amerisupport of the legal action.

The six tribes are the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and the Tulalip Tribes in Washington state; Treasury Department to appeal, with the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, in Maine; and the Akiak Native Community, Asa'carsarmiut Tribe and Aleut Community of St. Paul Island, in Alaska.

In their injunction motion the tribes called for quick action from Mehta, Act of 1975 clearly defines the legal saying once the funding is distributed, 'it will likely be impossible for the tribes to recover any of the diverted funds and to use them, as Congress Tribes. plainly directed, to meet the critical needs of their communities, which have been besieged by the coronavirus pandemic."

On April 27, 2020 U.S. District Judge federal court ruling. Amit Mehta's ordered U.S. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin to halt distribution of COVID-19 relief funds to

corporations.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Eco- The judge said it was not necessarily Indian woman." ceive funds.

Six American Indian Tribes disagreed "Because the court finds that Plaintiffs two or more critical weeks.

other federally recognized tribes."

funds set aside for Alaska Native corpo- partment of the Treasury in another In the same issue we suggested that the rations in case it prevails. The federal government has not disclosed how it will determine who gets what.

However, Public Law 93-638, the Indi- vailed today," he said. an Self-Determination and Education Two organizations representing corpo- short fall in the funding. status of the Regional Alaskan Corporations and Village Corporations to be on the same level as the American Indian ment saying they were disappointed.

The Native American Rights Fund, a

Attorney Nikki Ducheneaux, Chey- look forward to a ruling that will allow 93-638, the Indian Self-Determination enne River Sioux, represented several us to receive additional, much needed and Education Act of 1975. tribes in the suit. She posted on Face- aid for our people and communities." Mean while back on the Rez, Tribes book: "We did it! "We defeated Treas- The Treasury Department has main- are in limbo-land not even able to plan ury Secretary Mnuchin in federal court tained the corporations are eligible for since there is no check in the Mail. today with a ruling that the government a portion of the funding. It said in a And odds are it will be a while.

funds to be held up at a minimum for Alaska Native corporations, for their

Still another question is; Are the highly The irony is that it's a no-win situation, government relationship with the He said he would block the Treasury financially successful American Indian the American Indian Tribes nor Alas-U.S. - not Alaska Native Regional Cor- Department from disbursing the mon- Tribes entitled to a share of the funds kan Native Corporations gained nothporations. Another 20 tribes also joined ey to Alaska Native corporations - but since they could be considered ing.

> in emergency relief to Plaintiffs and also said he was pleased with the rul- can Indian page 2, Tribes and Alaskan ing.

> > gether to oppose the actions of the De- threw them.

rations; the ANCSA Regional Associa- Maybe they could tap some of the \$100 tion and Alaska Native Village Corpo- -billion the Socialist-Democrat Califorration Association released a joint state- nia Senator Dianne Feinstein want to

needed \$18-Billion. But then again, I question of whether the secretary can she wrote. "And don't forget, these hos- funding bill a definition of "Indian doubt that the amount would matter in award some money to Alaska Native tile Indians were led by two Native tribes" from a 1975 law that allowed women. If you wanna fight hard, call an federal agencies to enter into contracts with and make grants to tribes."

for tribes. The departments of Interior money should be disbursed but, based raise several questions one being, what there is no ambiguity in the relief act:

part, have lost revenues due to shareholders.

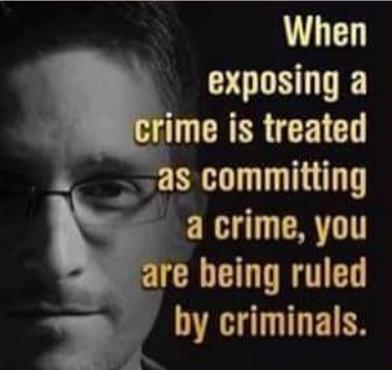
As the American Indian Reporter stat-Native Corporations are fighting over Instead, he left open the option for the "Federally recognized tribes stood to- the \$8-billion bone the U.S. Congress

> attempt to undermine the first citizens American Indian Tribes and Alaskan of this country, but our voices were Native Corporations join forces and use heard, and Indigenous people pre- whatever political influence they have to persuade Congress to correct the

> > send to Iran.

"This will mean a delay in necessary But, when the dust settles it will not resources and economic assistance for matter how the American Indian nonprofit that works to defend the Alaska Native people in our communi- Tribes define the Alaskan Native Corrights of Native American tribes, organ- ties and our state," they wrote. porations but how the federal courts izations and individuals, also praised "However, Alaska Native people have a define them, simply based on the legal history of resilience and strength. We definition of eligibility as defined in P.L.

Alaska Native corporations but stopped short of telling him to distribute all the money to the American Indian Tribes.



MEMORIAL DAY



Coronavirus & Native Americans

By: Andre Cramblit, an enrolled member of the Karuk Tribe located in northern California.

Working from home and relearning how Look after your to slow down and live in the moment and Elders. Do chores be reflective about the past and anticipat- for them and help ing the future for us all.

Many tribes across this continent have plies they need to apocalyptical tales about the dying off of live their daily peoples. They also speak to this time as lives. Check up on them and make sure being a renaissance for Native American they are doing alright are not in need of Culture and lifeways.

taking a breath and letting the world heal there things that can only be understood itself. One of the results of social distanc- in your Native tongue. Take language ing and sequestering at home has been classes if you are a learner or share your the elimination of much pollution. Now if knowledge if you are one who is able to we could just do something about that speak their traditional language. island of plastic in the ocean.

to do what we can to help it along its way. Take this as an opportunity to assist crea- a traditional manner. Take comfort in tion in restoring balance to the world.

Use less plastics, get metal straws, decrease your carbon footprint, take fewer trips, try to fit multiple store visits into one outing.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Our throwa- was once Native lands. Greet each day way culture has led us to the perilous with prayer, sing songs of healing and edge of extinction. We need to fight back power, practice ritual cleanliness. and return to ways that will make our Smudge your home with angelica root, world more habitable.

If you have land available, plant a garden. Buy your food and other needed com- home and environment. End each night modities from sources close to your with another prayer of gratitude for havhome.

them get the sup-



anything.

Covid-19 might be our Creator's way of Explore the language of your people,

This disease will take its toll on the Na-Nature will heal itself slowly, but we need tive people. Be sure to send those we will lose on their journey to the other side in knowing they are going to a better world, with friends and family waiting for them.

> Return to the traditions of our Native ancestors and the spirit people who came before us. Live gently upon this earth.

We need to remember the mantra of Acknowledge that everywhere you step

cedar, sage, sweet grass, sarsaparilla or whatever your tribe used to cleanse your ing survived difficult and terribly, yet temporary, tumultuous times.

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Southern California American Indian Resource Center (SCAIR) Offers Kokua (Help) to Hawaiians Living in California

Source: Source: Source: Salgado Jr., American Indian Reporter

Native Hawaiians descend from a rich Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hahistory of skilled navigation and we, as waiian families living within urban and Kānaka Maoli, (*Native people*) contin- tribal communities throughout the ue to follow in the footsteps of our an- counties of San Diego, Imperial, Vencestors by navigating beyond the pae tura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, 'āina Hawai'i (Hawaiian Islands). For Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and many years Hawaiians have settled and Sonoma. planted roots in faraway places where SCAIR's educational services include subsequent generations continue to thrive. The drive for resettlement beyond Hawai'i is influenced by a continually rising cost of living as well as a Supportive Services to eligible particidesire to access additional educational and employment opportunities.



Resource Advocate Kawehi Brandow Diaz speaks at SCAIR Ventura's Grand Openingi on January 25, 2020. Photo: Chris Gomez

According to the 2010 US census, there were 1.2 million Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders living in the United States. Of that number, just 52% of Native Hawaiians resided in the state of Hawai'i while nearly 48% resided on the US continent, primarily in the state of California. After Hawai'i, California had the second-highest reported population of Native Hawaiianas at 20%. Given this history and supporting data, there is a great need to connect Kānaka Maoli who are living beyond our ancestral territory to support services.

One organization addressing this need is the Southern California American Indian Resource Center (SCAIR). SCAIR is a non-profit organization with offices in San Diego and Ventura that operates as a one-stop-shop training center with a wraparound approach to services. SCAIR services American

Career, Job Readiness and Educational Classes, Computer Training, Mental Health Counseling, and Emergency pants through the Native NetWORKS and the Howka Programs.

The Native NetWORKS Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act program is made possible through the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration's Division of Indian and Native American Programs. Native NetWORKS offers a full range of employment services to assist unemployed and underemployed individuals plies, bus passes and technical training families. fees.

Diego area), is funded through a Com- ilies) Program services. munity Service Block Grant Program As a designated American Indian Edu- people to critical support resources (CSBG) from the Northern California cation Center (AIEC) funded through may be more important today than at Indian Development Council in Eure- the California Department of Educa- any other time. ka.





variety of emergency services, including and encourage cultural exchange. rental, utility and transportation pay- We live in a time of so much uncertainvouchers.

Additionally, the San Diego SCAIR nomically and medically. Howka, which means "hello" in Ku- center provides Tribal TANF Fortunately, for California Hawaiians, meyaay (Tribal Nations within the San (Temporary Assistance for Needy Fam- there are resources in place to help

> tion SCAIR provides K-12 youth ser- The needs of Native Hawaiians extend vices and a Tobacco-Use Prevention beyond the border of our traditional Education (TUPE) program. Youth in homelands. We are great in number the AIEC and TUPE Programs may and reside in many places throughout also receive academic tutorial services, the United States and the world. Our cultural education and mental health needs are always evolving and SCAIR is counseling.

> The SCAIR Resource Centers are in California. spaces for supporting communal bonds For information SCAIR services visit and kinship among the Native commu- SCAIR website at www.scairinc.org or nity.

> The Howka CSBG Program connects urban Indigenous populations; SCAIR qualified Indigenous families with a Centers provide safe meeting places

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ment assistance, clothing and food ty, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to a recent report Also through the Howka program, by the Bureau of Labor, the number of SCAIR distributes boxed food and gift Americans applying for unemployment to become self-sufficient by obtaining cards to families in need during the increased from 1.4 to 7.1 million in just and retaining employment, or by gain- holidays and in emergencies like the 3 weeks. Although the entire nation has ing technical skills to further their ca- current COVID-19 pandemic. been adversely affected by the economreer. Native NetWORKS also supports SCAIR's COVID-19 emergency gift ic turmoil and health-risks related to program participants trying to secure card distribution in Ventura and San COVID-19, the risk to Native commuemployment by providing work sup- Diego Counties in March assisted 225 nities is disproportionately higher due to being historically underserved eco-

address these issues. Connecting our

here to mālama Kānaka Maoli families

follow SCAIR on Facebook or call;

"Fancy dancer" Tekla Diaz. Soboba Indian Rez. performs at the SCAIR Ventura Grand Opening in January 2020. - Photo: Melanie Edmonds

When not in a time of social distancing, San Diego 619-328-0676 SCAIR Centers also offer a space for Ventura 805-765-6243 community members to promote culture and language workshops. Providing a welcoming space is needed for

Toll Free 888-217-2247



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Photo left: SCAIR Resource Advocate Kawehi Brandow Diaz and her son, Lautaro Diaz. Photo: Leslie Lopez-Medina

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Funny Bone & More "Laughter is the Best Medicine"



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Why are you so afraid of a socialist economy?



Because Americans want to walk their dogs, not eat them.

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In the history of colonization, they've always given us two options: Give up our land or go to jail. Give up our rights or go to jail. And now, give up our water or go to jail.

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AFTER LISTENING TO LINDA, HIS HUMAN, FOR 12 DAYS

MY HUSBAND AND I DECIDED WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE CHILDREN.

WE WILL BE TELLING THEM **TONIGHT AT DINNER.**

WHAT NEWS DO YOU BRING ME MY SON?



PRESIDENT

TRUMP

SAYS YOUR

ASS IS NEXT

Listening to Pelosi and Schumer

talk about a fair trial is like taking

Ex-Lax and trusting a fart.

Do you remember?

WHILE IN QUARANTINE AS SHE **COMPLAINED FOR HOURS ON END.**



SPARKY REALIZED HE WAS NOT CUT OUT TO BE AN EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOG





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