

# Save the Date

## March 20th

**An Annual Celebration of Life**  
**National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**



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The four seasons are highly respected in many cultures because they so closely represent the cycle of life. Spring represents a time of equality and balance. It is a time of new beginnings. We hope this date will raise awareness of HIV/AIDS among Native people – American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians.

Protect Our Future, Protect Our People and Celebrate Life!

The design of the blanket encompasses all areas of Native Culture. The zig zag designs represent traditional plains tribes as well as the sharks tooth from the Hawaiian Islands, the center design is derived from a very old Alaska Native basket and the crosses are from the Woodland tribes. The seven designs around the center circles represent the pacific rim from the Hawaiians. The ribbon is unfurled to symbolize opening the conversation about HIV/AIDS.

The design for this Pendleton blanket is a collaborative effort between Colorado State University's Center for Applied Studies in American Ethnicity, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., and the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center.

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