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## NDEP Recognizes November as National Diabetes Month

NDEP recognizes National Diabetes Awareness Month (November) and World Diabetes Day (November 14) by promoting the comprehensive care messages and materials of *Control Your Diabetes. For Life.* and the primary prevention messages and materials of *Small Steps. Big Rewards. Prevent type 2 Diabetes* campaigns. This year's World Diabetes Day theme is "Diabetes Care for Everyone" and NDEP will be spreading the word about our materials for high-risk audiences, including older adults, Hispanic/Latinos, African Americans, American Indians and Alaska Natives, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Visit [NDEP's campaign tools website](#) for sample articles, OpEds, fact sheets, public service announcements, and tips for working with the media. Reprint: NDEP News & Notes.

## AAIP Diabetes Coalitions Meet in Oklahoma City



L to R: top Sue Tortello, Maine, Anita Cox, AAIP, (bottom) Jack Nolan, New Mexico, Jaime Prouty, Oklahoma, John Christopherson, South Dakota, Jennifer Bennett, AAIP, Heather Swearingen, AAIP, Lonnie Wilson, Montana.

Oklahoma City ---The AAIP Diabetes Program hosted a capacity building training with its Coalition Affiliates on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The session was the first opportunity that Coalition Affiliates met as a group, face-to-face. Planning and training sessions were conducted for new ideas to implement in diabetes education activities to promote prevention and control. Five of seven established coalitions were able to attend from a representative five states. The Coalition Affiliates do out-standing work in their individual communities to make efforts to stop the spread of the diabetes epidemic. The AAIP Diabetes Program appreciates the tireless work and efforts of the Coalition Affiliates and the time that each of them took from their busy schedules to dedicate to travel and training in Oklahoma City.

## Move It! Kit

**The 2006 Version of the Move It! Reduce Your Risk for Diabetes Campaign Kits are now available. To receive a kit contact the AAIP Diabetes office, 877.943.4299 or email [acox@aaip.org](mailto:acox@aaip.org).**

## A Special Message from the National Diabetes Education Program American Indian/Alaska Native Workgroup Chair – Kelly Moore, MD.

Hello friends -

As you may be aware I am Chairing the Indigenous Peoples Special Population sub-committee for the United Nations Resolution on behalf of the International Diabetes Federation. The United Nations Resolution is an attempt to take diabetes out of the shadows to ensure that governments around the world are aware of the devastating impact of the disease on their population, their economy and their future.

There are currently 230 million people affected by diabetes worldwide with a diabetes-related death happening every 10 second. The projections are that by 2025 there will be 380 million affected with billions of dollars being spent in healthcare costs and no end in sight. Something must be done. To do nothing is not an option.

From this picture of suffering and insurmountable healthcare costs came the United Nations Resolution. The members of the General Assembly of the UN will be asked to vote positively on a statement that clearly outlines the worldwide risk and need for action on diabetes. At the present time a significant political process is underway whereby governments around the world are being lobbied to vote favorably for the Resolution.

In addition, we are most anxious to gain the support of individuals/organizations like you. So, how can you help?

1. Becoming part of our Stakeholder map whereby all organizations endorsing the resolution are listed to indicate grassroots' support. Your positive response to this message will add your name to the list.

2. Signing the 'cyber-petition' at [www.unitefordiabetes.org](http://www.unitefordiabetes.org) and passing this on to ALL contacts that would be interested in joining the campaign.

3. Share your support by sending a virtual diabetes pin to at least five of your friends, family members and/or others who have an interest in diabetes. The aim is to raise global awareness of the serious nature of diabetes and to secure the Resolution.

A simple blue ring as been created as the symbol for this campaign. Its round shape symbolizes the earth, and blue color, the color of the sky that unites us all. It is our intent to position this as the international symbol for diabetes and to use it to promote the campaign and the need for action around diabetes.

Thank you most sincerely for your attention to this matter. Your voice can speak volumes when combined with a worldwide choir of endorsements. Take a moment to visit the website, state your positive support and sign the cyber-petition. Please go to <http://www.unitefordiabetes.org> and sign the petition.

Wishing you continued success in your good work.

Most gratefully,

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