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Board of Trustees Approves Inflation Relief for Tribal Membership and CTUIR Government Employees

MISSION, OR – The Board of Trustees (BOT) for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) approved an inflation relief distribution to be paid to all enrolled Tribal Members during a work session on July 7, 2022. During the same work session, the BOT also approved a 5% increase for the Tribal government employees' Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) which will be in effect from July 25th through the remainder of 2022.

The distribution to Tribal membership in the amount of \$2,000 will be mailed or distributed by direct deposit to each enrolled Tribal member no later than July 31st, 2022.

“The inflation relief distribution and COLA increase were approved to help CTUIR members and our tribal government employees who are experiencing financial distress due to high levels of inflation within our economy,” said Board Chair Kat Brigham. “We understand many are struggling to keep up with the rising costs of day-to-day living and we want to show support for our membership as well as an appreciation for our employees for their commitment to our organization and our community during these difficult times.”

The distribution to Tribal members will not be applied towards any debts accrued by individuals, including child support, Tribal loans, or any debts owed to Tribal programs.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is made up of the Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla Tribes, formed under the Treaty of 1855 at the Walla Walla Valley, 12 STAT 945. In 1949, the Tribes adopted a constitutional form of government to protect, preserve and enhance the treaty rights guaranteed under federal statute.

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