

January 15, 2020

To the organizers and attendees of the Four Directions and Nevada Tribes Native American Presidential Forum,

I'm sorry I can't be with you today, but I am humbled to extend my well-wishes as you gather to discuss the important issues facing millions of Native American voters and their families. At a time when our nation is facing unprecedented challenges, your voices and your leadership are essential in our pursuit to get this country back on track.

I am running for president to restore the soul of the nation and to expand the promise of America to all who inhabit its shores and I promise you, if elected, our Native communities will have a friend, a partner, and an advocate in the White House.

We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I know we're up to the task. I know what this country is capable of when we work together. My prayer for you, and for us all, is that in these moments when we must decide who we are and what we stand for, we will remember the strength and fortitude of communities like yours. The progress we've made on Indian Country's most urgent issues is because of all of you. You've demanded attention. You've fought for solutions and changes to the law, and you continue to fight for the authority to ensure justice and fairness for everyone in your nations. I am grateful for and inspired by your courage, and I look forward to working with you to make real our vision for an America that guarantees the rights, freedoms, and dignity of all people.

Sincerely

Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

## 1. Do you support the revocation of the Medals of Honor for the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre?

Yes. The Congressional Medal of Honor is our Nation's highest award for gallantry in combat, in defense of our Nation's highest ideals and principles. That this medal was awarded for the massacre of hundreds of unarmed Native Americans, including women and children, is abhorrent to those very ideals and lessens what the award represents in integrity and personal sacrifice for all others who have received it.