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HEARINGS ON INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT SCHEDULED

A series of public hearings on the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 have been scheduled throughout the United States in early March, Interior Assistant Secretary Forrest Gerard announced today.

The hearings will be conducted by the National American Indian Court Judges Association and the National Congress of American Indians, under contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The purpose of the hearings is to receive comments and views on draft regulations to implement provisions of the Act. Copies of the draft regulations were sent by Gerard to all tribal chairmen, with a note inviting them and members of their tribes to participate in the hearings.

For further information about the hearings contact: Nancy Gale, NAICJA, 1000 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (202-296-0685) or Marjorie Montgomery, NCAI, 1430 K Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (202-347-9520).

The hearings are scheduled as follows: March 1 - Indian School Auditorium, Phoenix, Arizona, 10: AM to 8: PM; March 5 - State Bank and Trust Building, 225 Franklin Street - Forum Room - 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 9: AM to 7: PM; Hilton Airport Motel, 17620 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, Washington, 10: AM to 8: PM; and Window Rock Recreational Hall, Window Rock, Arizona 10: AM to 8: PM.

March 5 and 6 - William Mitchell College of Law, 875 Summit Avenue - Auditorium Room 111, St. Paul, Minnesota, 9: AM to 7: PM; March 6 - Eastern Montana College, Billings, Montana 10:AM to 8 PM; March 7 - City Hall, 68 Mitchell Street S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, 9: AM to 7: PM.; Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th Street NW, Albuquerque, N.M., 9: AM to 7: PM; Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall, Juneau, Alaska, 10: AM to 8: PM; South Oklahoma City Junior College, 7777 South May Avenue, Room 1G5, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 8:30 AM to 7: PM.

March 8 - Sierra Inn, 2600 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, California, 2: PM to 8 PM; and March 9 - Sierra Inn, 2600 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento California, 8: AM to 12 Noon.