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Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness Celebrates Closing Event Washington, DC — Wednesday, June 24, 2009

The Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness has arrived in Washington DC on the final visit of its 40-day, 6800 mile trek for Native American healing of abuses at historic U.S. Indian schools.

A day-long program will take place at the **Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian** on the **National Mall** in Washington, DC on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. There is no charge for admission.

Starting on May 16 at the Chemawa Indian School in Oregon, and culminating in a visit to the site of the former Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Carlisle, Pennsylvania on June 21, thousands of Native and non-Native people alike have attended day-long events at former boarding schools sites all across America. Thousands of people have learned more about the Indian boarding school era in the U.S. and have participated in both ceremonial and sharing experiences to heal from the historic and intergenerational trauma that still afflicts Native Americans to this day.

Here is the agenda of the Washington, DC event slated to begin at 9:00am at the Smithsonian American Indian Museum.

9:00am-9:30am	Opening Ceremony Hoop and Staff walked into event Opening Prayer-Horace Axtell Drum-Eagle Spirit Drum, White Earth Nation, Minnesota
9:30am-9:45am	Welcoming Remarks—Dennis Zotigh, Cultural Liaison
9:45am-10:45am	Overview of Wellbriety Movement & Forgiveness Journey by Don Coyhis (Mohican Nation) President of White Bison Inc.
10:45 am-11:00 am	Break
11:00am-12:00pm	Eduardo Duran—Keynote
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm-1:30pm	Open Mic
2:00pm-2:30pm	Forgiveness Ceremony
2:30pm-3:30 pm	Healing Ceremony
3:30pm-4:00 pm	Hand Over Petition (Tentative)
4:00pm-4:10 pm	Senator Brownback (R., Kansas) (Tentative)
4: 10 pm-4:30 pm	Closing Remarks—Don Coyhis
4:30 pm-5:00 pm	Closing Ceremony

Participants, observers and media outlets alike are cordially invited to celebrate Native American healing with us.