

State and City Tribal Relations Frameworks

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Tribal-State Relations

Washington State





"Prior to the Centennial Accord, anytime we went into a state agency or office, Tribal leaders almost always had to explain the very basics of who we were, the federal treaties, and why we had a right to be involved in that particular issue. It was like we were always starting from zero, so it was very difficult to resolve anything."

- **W. Ron Allen**, Chairman, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe



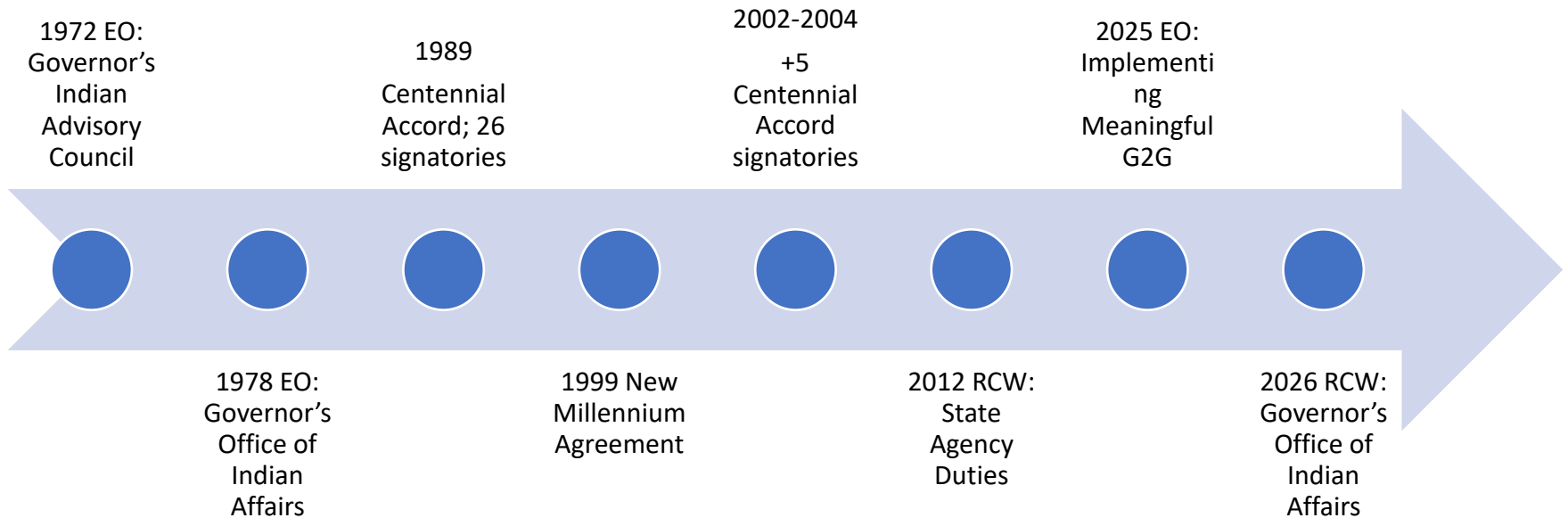
Paradigm Shift

- Histories of disagreement and legal battles between State governments and Tribal governments
- New opportunities to develop frameworks that recognize Tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and treaty rights to drive mutual benefits, reduce conflict, and enhance collaboration

Components



Aggressive Incrementalism



Tribal-City Relations

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Tribal and Urban Native Engagement

Tribal Relations

- Government-to-Government engagement with federally recognized Tribes

Indigenous Advisory Council

- Public commission of appointed members that advise the City on issues impacting Tribal and urban Native Communities

Indigenous Community Engagement

- Public engagement with residents
- Community engagement with organizations and groups



Tribal-City Memorandums of Understand (MOUs)

The City of Seattle has taken steps to affirm our government-to-government relationships:

- 2000 - Tulalip Tribes MOU
- 2004 - Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, Suquamish Tribe, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, and Tulalip Tribes MOUs
- 2017 - Muckleshoot Indian Tribe MOU
- 2023 - Tribal Nations Summit
- 2025 - Tribal Nations Summit



Tribal-City MOUs

Guiding Principles

- Affirm existing government-to-government relationship

Goals


- Respect sovereignty
- Enhance and improve communication
- Facilitate resolution of issues

Implementation Procedures

- Intergovernmental Committee of elected officials or their designees
- Meeting procedures
- Scope of issues
- Decision making
- Dispute resolution





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Questions?

