



## **Bureau of Indian Affairs to explore halting issuance of Certificates of Degree of Indian Blood**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs issued a survey on September 6, 2018. Responses are due by November 7, 2018. This online survey is to ascertain the necessity for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to continue issuing Certificate of Indian Blood Cards. The Bureau of Indian Affairs intent for the survey is to attain and understand the need for this service from our Tribal Leaders.

- How will this impact your organization?
- Can your Tribe issue Tribal Identification?
- Are Certificate of Indian Blood Cards/Forms from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, required for the services your agency provides?
- Do your agency funding and/or grants require or request the Certificate of Indian Blood Card/Form from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to determine eligibility?
- Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act specifically 43 U.S.C. § 1604: The Secretary of Interior is tasked with enrolling Alaska Natives born on or before December 18, 1971.

Please note any of your concerns in your survey. This issue has been a topic of discussion on the Washington D.C. Level for some time. Many of the individuals talking about this process are not familiar with the services that Alaska provides. The data will be gathered by the Division of Tribal Government Services.

If you have any questions regarding the survey or need help completing this survey, the Anchorage contact person is Ms. Jolene John, Alaska TGS Officer. She can be reached at 907-271-4043.