



**MEDIA ADVISORY FOR EVENT  
OCCURRING FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

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**Oglala Nation's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Wounded Knee Occupation  
Liberation Day Event in Pine Ridge, South Dakota**

PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA (February 27, 2022) - [Alcohol Justice](#) is reporting that the Oglala Lakota Nation will hold its **49<sup>th</sup> Annual Wounded Knee Occupation Liberation Day** on the Oglala Lakota Nation Homelands. The event is an opportunity to educate and decolonize future generations through the four-direction walk, oral teachings, music and more importantly, a time to tell the truths of oppression that still affect the Oglala Lakota Nation.

*"As Indigenous communities we continue to face the challenges of generational trauma and violence. It is important now more than ever to rally around our indigenous culture and spirituality," stated Oglala Homelands Committee organizer Olowan Martinez.*

This year's theme will include Sobriety, Solidarity, Self-determination, and Spirituality. This is a family event that has been celebrating Native American civil rights in hopes of educating future generations about the historical contributions made by Indigenous People to America's freedom.

**What:** Independence Oglala Nation 49<sup>st</sup> Annual Wounded Knee Occupation Liberation Day

**When:** 10 a.m., February 27, 2022

**Where:** Wounded Knee, SD – Pine Ridge Homeland

**This year's events will Honor the life and legacy of:**

- Chief Leonard CrowDog (Sicangu/ Oglala Lakota PINE, Rosebud, SD)
- Clyde Bellcourt (Ogibwe, White Earth, MN)
- Edgar BearRunner (Oglala Lakota, Porcupine, SD)

**Media Availability:**

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