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**For Immediate Release**

**THE [SPONSORING ORGANIZATION] HOSTS MONTANA CONVERSATION “ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS REGARDING MONTANA INDIANS” WITH KIM QUIGLEY**

[City–date]

The [sponsoring organization] hosts Montana Conversation “Essential Understandings Regarding Montana Indians” with Kim Quigley on [date of program]. The program is at [location and time of program]. The presentation is free and open to the public. Funding for Montana Conversations is provided by Humanities Montana through grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Montana’s Cultural Trust, and private donations. We are funded in part by coal severance taxes paid based upon coal mined in Montana and deposited in Montana’s cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund.

Find an Indian Education for All (IEFA) interest and reading/writing area for your classroom curriculum, from non-fiction writing and memoirs to research, narratives, and storytelling. Classroom teachers in grades K–12 can work with Kim Quigley to create a program that aligns Essential Understandings Regarding Montana Indians with their classroom interests, Common Core Standards, and reading and writing workshop methodology. Quigley introduces Native American literature, poetry or current issues to help students be strategic and metacognitive writers. IEFA subjects may include:

* Pictographs, Petroglyphs, and Poetry
* Indian Boarding Schools
* The Sheep Eaters of the Yellowstone
* The Legend of the Bitterroot
* Memoirs: Indians Past and Present
* Stories of the Buffalo
* And more…

Quigley visits with teachers before the workshop to develop a plan that includes pre- and post-lesson materials for the classroom. She provides assessment checklists to help students with self-efficacy. She works with teachers to help students empathize with and understand historical and contemporary Montana Indians.

Kim Quigley has been a Montana educator since 1981 and has always incorporated historical and contemporary Native Peoples’ lives into her curriculum.  She has taught students from age two to college age in the past 44 years as a speech therapist, classroom teacher, librarian, speech and drama teacher, principal and as an educational coach. Since 2015 she has written and presented curriculum for Indian Education for All and incorporated it into Montana’s adopted common core.

For more information, please call [sponsoring organization] at [phone number].

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