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**Ground-Blessing Ceremony for Tribal “Elder Healthy Home”
Set for Thursday, September 20**

Seattle, WA— The Puyallup Tribe will hold a ground-blessing ceremony on Thursday, September 20, at 10 a.m. to celebrate the start of construction on a demonstration project for Tribal elder housing and affordable green building.

The “Elder Healthy Home,” located on 32nd Street in Tacoma, is planned as the first of more than 20 healthy and affordable homes for the Tribe’s senior community. The project is the first of its kind on Tribal land in the Northwest.

Designed by ECOFAB and built by the Martin Luther King Housing Development Association, the 1,300-square-foot, two-bedroom home will feature universal design, advanced framing techniques, passive solar, high-performance heating system, and non-toxic materials. The design was developed with elders and their caregivers through an integrated process

The project is endorsed by the National American Indian Housing Council, Northwest ENERGY STAR® Homes, and Built Green™ of Tacoma and Pierce County, with funding provided by the HUD Office of Native American Programs.

Sponsors of the project confirmed to date include Tacoma Power, Puget Sound Energy, Northwest Property Imaging, Ridolfi Inc., and Green Dog Enterprises.

For more information, visit www.elderhealthyhome.com.

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