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FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE'S BLESSING OF OUR COMMUNITY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, IN THE UTAH STATE CAPITOL ROTUNDA

(January 30, 2013) Salt Lake City – The Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable invites members of all faiths and belief systems to this special blessing for peace and understanding among all creation, as we commemorate Interfaith Month 2013.

This is a first of its kind event for the Roundtable, and will be conducted by Lacey Harris, a member of the Northern Ute and Northern Paiute tribes. Lacey is also a Roundtable Board Member, and has conducted prayers for the world during the annual Interfaith Musical Tribute and other Roundtable functions.

Lacey has been actively involved in the Salt Lake urban Indian community for 45 years, and has represented First Nations people on various national, state, and local boards. (Please see his complete media bio below.)

The hour-long program begins at 9 a.m. with a welcome from Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert in the Utah State Capitol Rotunda. Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable Chair Alan Bachman will follow with a brief history of the Roundtable and the purpose of Interfaith Month. The remaining time will be turned over to Lacey to conduct the blessing.

Friday, February 1

9 a.m.-10 a.m.

First Nation Blessing sponsored by the Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable

Utah State Capitol Rotunda

350 N State Street

Salt Lake City, Utah

MEDIA BIO

Lacee Alan Harris

Lacee Harris was born in Ft. Duchesne, Utah, and is Northern Ute and Northern Paiute. He received his Bachelor's Degree in American History with emphasis on Native American History at BYU in 1972, and completed his Master's Degree in Social Work at the University of Utah in 1985. He is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and has worked in the mental health field for the past 20 years.

Lacee has been actively involved in the urban Indian community for 45 years. He was involved in the organization of what is now known as the Indian Walk In Center in Salt Lake. He has represented First Nations people on various national, state, and local boards, including the First Nation Child Trauma Prevention Committee at Primary Children's Hospital, Ethnic Minority Health and Human Services Program Advisory Committee at Salt Lake Community College, the former Utah Native American Consortium, the former Salt Lake Indian Health Center, the former CIRCLE Center in Ogden, National Indian Rodeo, Utah Bicentennial Planning Committee, and was Minority Consultant for KUTV.

In addition, he has lectured at various colleges and universities throughout the west. More recently, he has assisted Utah's Department of Human Services Director of Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in conducting for DCFS on ICWA throughout the state.

Lacee has retired twice, first from Weber Human Services, where he was a mental health therapist, and then from the Indian Walk In Center, where he was the only licensed clinical social worker in their Behavioral Health program. Currently he works with his wife in CIRCLE Treatment, in both Tooele and Salt Lake City, and is the contract therapist for the Goshute band at Ibabpah, Utah, serving tribal members in substance abuse and mental / behavioral health capacity. He has also acted as a First Nations consultant to a variety of state, county, and non-profit organizations over the years and has written and presented on a variety of issues relevant to the indigenous people of Utah.

Lacee received the Utah Division of Indian Affairs Centennial Award of Appreciation in recognition of contributions to the Indian Community in 1996. He was included in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities in 1979, was named Outstanding Young Man of America in 1977, and Notable American by the Historical Preservation of America in 1977.

To arrange an interview with Lacee, contact: Colleen M. Scott, Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable Media Chair, media@interfaithroundtable.org

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The Roundtable is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization consisting of over 220 individuals working to promote love, harmony, and an increased understanding among persons of all faith traditions, cultures, and belief systems everywhere.

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