



**Implementing VAWA 2013:  
Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2015  
1:30 p.m.**

**Great Hall - Robert F. Kennedy Building  
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC**

The Office on Violence Against Women invites you to a panel discussion with representatives from the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona and the Tulalip Tribes of Washington. On March 7, 2013, President Obama signed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA 2013) into law. VAWA 2013 included a historic provision recognizing tribes' inherent power to exercise "special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction" (SDVCJ) over certain defendants, regardless of their Indian or non-Indian status, who commit acts of domestic violence or dating violence or violate certain protection orders in Indian country. The Department of Justice was instrumental in securing passage of this provision, which has fundamentally changed the landscape of tribal jurisdiction and promises to expand safety for victims. Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona and the Tulalip Tribes of Washington were two of the first three tribes to implement the SDVCJ. The panel is part of the Justice Department's Domestic Violence Awareness Month observation events.

To RSVP, email Sydney Taylor ([Sydney.Taylor@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sydney.Taylor@usdoj.gov)) by **4:00 p.m. Friday, October 2, 2015.**

***Logistical Information:***

The event will take place at the Robert F. Kennedy Building, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW in the Great Hall. Non-Department of Justice attendees are required to enter RFK via Constitution Ave. between 9th and 10th Streets NW. Upon arrival, all visitors must proceed to the glass enclosed Security/Visitor's station and present a valid, government issued photo ID. All visitors will be greeted by an Office on Violence Against Women staff member and escorted to the Great Hall. Please plan to arrive between 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to ensure adequate time for building security procedures.