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Arctic Elders Invite All to Join 'Mother of All Earth Prayers' May 31

With Ceremonies at Mexico's Mt. Kushumaa to Keep Poles Cool

ARCTIC VILLAGE, Alaska - May 29, 2007 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) -- On May 31, 2007, the Arctic Elders invite you, as a member of our Earth Family, to join them, in the following Prayer of love and appreciation to Mother Earth. On that day also, Indigenous Elders will lead ceremonies at Northern Mexico's mystical Mt. Kushumaa during Earthdance8(.org). "Our intent is to further rebalance Mother Earth and Her weather for our children, including helping keep the polar ice caps cool," said Olympian Suzy "Chapstick" Chaffee, co-founder of Native Voices Foundation, the orchestrator.

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*(Photo Caption: Ravendancer Gene Tagaban (Tlingit-Cherokee-Filipino), Native American Olympic Snowboard Hopeful, dances for global transformation and honor.)

Matthew Gilbert, a Gwichin Athabascan climatologist, said "We appreciate all the help we can get up here. It is awesome how the temperatures dropped in Europe and the snow returned this winter after the Elders led the billion person prayer. What gave it extra power was 55 Elders of the Americas simultaneously leading ceremonies at high vibrational sacred sites throughout the Peruvian Andes, which moved my grandfather, Elder Reverend Trimble Gilbert."

ARCTIC-LED PRAYER

Creator (of all names) we give you thanks for your wonderful creation. You are related to everything you made. We are asking you with one voice to help us renew Mother Earth. Give us strength to respect one-another, like brothers and sisters, to help your creation. The Power of Your voice is like lightning waking us up to be true Earth Guardians.

O men and women of the earth. Please humbly pray with the holy ones for all our wildlife: including our polar bears, fish, birds, the return of the bees, and for all our air, water, soil, rain, snow, ice and food supply that all People need to be healthy and happy. Send your good spirit upon every country, Creator.

And have mercy and guide each of us so our children may continue to survive and thrive here in harmony. When the hearts of our Earth Family melt together through this purification, the contaminants of Mother Earth will transform into a flowering Mecca. Our hearts are full of thanks for your love, as well as blessings for our Earth Mother. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

- Rev Trimble Gilbert

The Arctic Prayer was a result of the positive response from Mother Earth in Europe, which inspired many to want to continue this monthly, led by Elders in the most challenged regions.

"Scientists say if humanity converted to clean fuels today, it would still take a decade to slow down global warming," said Flores Kestner (Cortina Tribe), associate member of the National Tribal Environmental Council.

"NASA Satellites revealed that 'vast regions of Antarctica have also melted.' Together we can help keep the polar ice caps cool to protect our way of life and that of all coastal people," said Matthew, who is organizing a Global Warming Gathering with 30 Elders in Alaska's Arctic Village August 22-28.

"We are grateful that the NRDC, with Bobby Kennedy Jr. as Sr. attorney, is one of the sponsors, though we need more help, and that Prince Albert (Lakota

adoptee) led a North Pole Expedition last spring that raised global awareness," said Matthew.

"Science has not served us as I once thought, so I'm turning to spiritual solutions. The Elders have made a believer of me," said Texan-Tellurider Kit Collins, a supporter.

Another supporter, Ambassador Gilbert A. Robinson, former chairman of the National Bible Association, said: "Whatever problems we have on earth, prayer can be an effective healer."

"We bless every Elder, network leader, supporter and participant (see <http://www.snow-riders.org/network.html>), as each plays an irreplaceable role in healing and rebalancing Mother Earth," said Woody Vaspra, (Hawaiian-Chinese), World Council of Elders President, who wrote the first World Prayer. "Go to a place sacred to you to amplifier your loving prayers."

Native Voices Foundation is a Colorado non-profit 501c3 partnership of US Tribal leaders, Elders and Olympians, whose mission is "to create joyful unity through sports and education to help heal Mother Earth for all our children."

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