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# THE NATIVE VOTE COUNTS

**100+** years after becoming US Citizens, American Indians & Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) still face challenges with voter suppression & participation. Native voices are essential in politics as we depend on the economy, healthcare and other government funded services. We identify as Republicans, Democrats, Independents, Non Voting, Voting as well as various other parties and choices. Not all thinking alike or even agreeing to the same issues. We have seen the impact of this on local, state, and national levels. **Remember Every Native Vote Matters.**

AI/ANs were first allowed to vote **76 years** ago in **1948**, yet most weren't allowed until **1965**

<p><b>4.7 MILLION</b></p>  <p>AI/ANs are eligible to vote</p>	 <p>of AI/ANs who are eligible to vote are not registered. That's <b>1 million</b> plus eligible voters</p>	
<p>2018 to 2020 there was a <b>14.6%</b> increase in AI/AN voter turnout nationally. Still <b>18.4%</b> less than their white counterparts</p>	<p><b>Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico &amp; Michigan</b> now give tribes the option to use automatic voter registration</p>	<p>In very few jurisdictions, voting materials can be provided in <b>Apache, Choctaw, Hopi, Inupiat, Navajo, Pueblo, Ute, &amp; Yup'ik</b></p>

**Peggy Flanagan**, White Earth Nation, has the opportunity to become the first AI/AN Governor In Minnesota

<p><b>KEY CHALLENGES TO VOTING IN INDIAN COUNTRY:</b></p>  <p><b>GEOGRAPHY</b></p>	 <p><b>MAIL SERVICE</b></p>	<p><b>2024 KEY STATES IN INDIAN COUNTRY TO WATCH:</b></p>  <p>ALASKA ARIZONA CALIFORNIA MICHIGAN MINNESOTA</p>
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