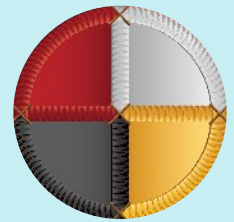


# Oyate` Wicha`ho Unki`

“The People’s Voice” Our Native Vote Counts

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

THE OYATE` GET OUT THE VOTE DAY OCTOBER 20, 2020



**Oyate` Circle**  
Native American  
Disability Center

**The USD Center  
for Disabilities**



Advocating for increased  
self-determination,  
independence and a  
satisfying quality of life



Disability *Rights*  
South Dakota

South Dakota Council on  
Developmental Disabilities  
Department of Human Services

**Partners for  
Inclusion  
Representing our  
future Generations...**

## Raise Your Voice and Be Heard

Tribal Members represent 10% of the South Dakota population.  
People with disability are nearly 20% of the states population...  
Together, this is a powerful voting voice in South Dakota

This non-partisan effort to create opportunity and access to voting in the 2020 election. “Oyate` Wicha`ho Unki` – The People’s Voice is supported and funded by Disability Rights of South Dakota, a non-profit protection and inclusive advocacy program representing South Dakotans with Disabilities.

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### REGISTER

South Dakota registrar information and support is available

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### VOTE EARLY

We have resources to help our people vote early and be heard

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### REPRESENT THE OYATE`

Make a difference for our future generations

## Elders Need Our Help!

To register in South Dakota on you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- reside in South Dakota
- be 18 years old on or before the next election
- Cannot be currently serving a sentence, on parole/probation or paying correctional fines/restitution. Can regain vote after time served
- For more information go to: <https://vip.sdsos.gov/viplogin.aspx>

Vote by mail:

- Request your mail-in ballot with a [mail ballot application](https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/assets/AbsenteeBallotApplicationFillable.pdf). Go to: <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/assets/AbsenteeBallotApplicationFillable.pdf>
- Fill out application completely, recheck info
- Submit the request to your [local election office](#). You should request your ballot now.
- Don't wait, there are expected delays with mail
- When your ballot arrives, complete and return

**“Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children” ~ Sitting Bull**

“We are not Democrat, We are not Republican, We are the Oyate` and We Stand United as Tribal Nations, representing our Takoja's and our members with disabilities. Today, all our votes count”. WOPILA... ~ Jim Warne, Oglala Lakota, USD Community Engagement Director



If we do not vote then we have to accept the outcome and policies that impact Native people. We can't be heard if we do not vote.

**Oyate` Wicha`ho Unki` Community Rep's can help**

Tribal Members represent 10% of the South Dakota population. If the Native vote is doubled, Indian Country can have three times the impact! There is even more impact when you include the disability vote. Tribal members have the highest rate of disability than any other population. This is another powerful voting force that can impact future generations for education, human services and public health issues that will impact our oyate`...

**Our Elders & Members with Disability need their voice heard... Let us represent our ancestors in a good way!**

### OUR YOUTH VOTE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAT EVER

We are taught to represent our ancestors seven generations behind and to represent our oyate`, the people, seven generation ahead. Our vote is our voice to impact future generations, our takojas. The “Oyate` Wicha`ho Unki` - The People's Voice is a resource for our people, our elders, our members with disability to have access to vote and share their voice for future generations. 2020 represents many issues including: policy, court appointments, education, disability, healthcare and candidates that will impact Indian Country for years! Our young warriors for change need to be heard and represent their generation as well as our future generations. Pilamaya

