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## **Media Release**

## Billings Chamber to host Native American Business Summit

For Immediate Release

<u>Billings, Mont., March 25, 2025:</u> The Billings Chamber of Commerce will host its second annual Native American Business Summit, presented by <u>Wells Fargo</u>, on Thursday, April 3, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Montana State University Billings in the Glacier Room. This event is open to anyone who wants to learn, connect, or support Indigenous-owned businesses through conversations and learning.

"The Summit is designed to empower and uplift Indigenous businesses and individuals across the region, celebrating cultural heritage and driving business innovation in an engaging, supportive environment," says Cathy Grider, vice president of business growth and talent for the Billings Chamber. "The Billings Chamber is a catalyst for business growth in Montana's City and hosting events like this Native American Business Summit brings together business and community members in impactful ways to propel business forward in our city and region."

Participants will receive a full business startup roadmap presented by <u>Big Sky Economic</u> <u>Development</u> where they will learn about the fundamental elements of owning a successful business, financing options, business planning, and resources to kickstart their venture.

Attendees will gain insights from experienced business leaders like Gabe Espino of <u>It's Roasted</u>, learn tangible marketing insights from the <u>Cleverly Company</u>, as well as Canva and AI for small business from Narrator Creative Consulting, while discovering strategies to turn one's craft into a thriving enterprise.

Area business success stories will be shared during the Native Makers and Business Owners panel, which includes <u>406 Native Roots</u>, Wild Roots IV & Wellness, Cora Kay Productions, <u>Soulfire Wellness Studio</u>, and Melanie Sands-Snyder.

Cost is \$49 per attendee or \$69 for attendee registration with a makers booth and registration is available online at <u>BillingsChamber.com</u>. Registration fee includes complimentary lunch. For more information, contact Billings Chamber of Commerce Vice President of Business Growth & Talent <u>Cathy Grider</u>.

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