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The Ninth Annual Intertribal Gathering, held at Fort Robinson State Park in northwestern Nebraska June 13-15, 2008 was a great success. Over 3,500 people participated in the festivities throughout the weekend. The Gathering held incredibly powerful authentic Native American artistic displays, including drumming, singing, storytelling and dancing. This year's event also brought 20 vendors selling and/or displaying Native American arts and crafts. 140 Native American dancers participated in the two-day dance contest, which was a great increase from last year's event. There were six drum groups, and participants throughout the event represented over 27 tribal nations from Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming. This year's theme for the Gathering was "Honoring People through Dance, Drum, and Song." Every year, this cultural event brings together members from many different Tribal Nations, as well as others who wish to witness these beautiful art forms. The Friends of the Intertribal Gathering Committee wishes to thank the following supporters of this year's event:

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