

# Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe

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### **HALIWA-SAPONI INDIAN TRIBE RECEIVES \$20,000 GRANT FOR “HKIKLE MA: PA: (AWAKEN THE SPIRIT) PROJECT”**

The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of Hollister, NC recently received a \$20,000 grant from the First Nations Development Institute of Longmont, Colorado. This award will support the efforts of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe’s Hkikle Ma: pa, which means Awaken the Spirit in the Saponi-Tutelo Language.

This project will focus on revitalizing traditional practices and reconnecting the Haliwa-Saponi youth to the tribe’s traditional values of Eastern Woodland origins through cultural learning activities lead by tribal elders and leaders. The culminating experience of this project is a reclaiming of Coming of Age ceremonies for Haliwa-Saponi youth. “This project combines well with other tribal initiatives that target the reclaiming, learning, and sharing of our traditional history and culture. “We are honored to have this opportunity to engage our tribal youth with the elders to share oral histories and learn traditional ways,” says Archie Lynch, Tribal Administrator.

The Haliwa-Saponi Tribe consists of 4,300 members and is primarily located in Halifax and Warren counties. The Haliwa-Saponi Tribe has an established Tribal Government with an 11-member Tribal Council under the leadership of the Tribe’s first female chief, Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson. Chief Richardson stated that, “Being a part of this ceremony is very significant in the lives of our youth.” She participated as an elder in the 1999 and 2007 ceremonies, and she is happy to see its rebirth.