

Brown, Rhoades accept ANF invitations to speak

Dr. Eddie Brown, assistant secretary for Indian affairs of the Department of the Interior, has accepted the Alaska Federation of Natives' invitation to attend and address delegates at the 1989 AFN Annual Convention.

The convention is scheduled for Oct. 19-21 at the Egan Convention Center in Anchorage. The theme this year is "Restrengthening Native Families and Communities."

Besides attending the AFN convention, Brown is expected to meet with Native groups to discuss current issues of importance to the Native community.

He is a member of the Pascua Yaqui Indian tribe.

Also agreeing to speak at the convention is Dr. Everett Rhoades, head of the Indian Health Service since February 1982.

Rhoades has lead responsibility for the operation of the comprehensive,



nationwide health system that provides care to more than one million American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Rhoades, a member of the Kiowa Indian tribe and a self-described "practicing bed-side physician," has extensive experience with the needs of Native Americans. He last traveled to Alaska in April to tour health facilities in the rural communities of Bethel and St. Paul.