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Native Agriculture & Food Systems Initiative

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About First Nations Development Institute



STRENGTHENING
American Indian
COMMUNITIES & ECONOMIES
37 *for* **years**

Our Mission...
to strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities. We invest in and create innovative institutions and models that strengthen asset control and support economic development for American Indian people and their communities.



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OUR APPROACH

First Nations has always been exclusively committed to Native control of tribal assets and to restore control and promote culturally-compatible stewardship of those assets.



ASSET-BUILDING DEFINED

A positive and collaborative approach, asset-building focuses on cultivating traditional knowledge and practices, and creating new ones to build Native capacities, capabilities and communities.

WHY ASSET-BUILDING WORKS

Native nations are uniquely knowledgeable about their own communities. They know the strengths, challenges and needs of their communities better than outside agencies. It strengthens the effectiveness of Native nations to create solutions to their own challenges and allows them to best leverage their resources on their own terms. In brief, in the long term it works because it helps protect and enhance tribal sovereignty.

ASSETS IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES

NATURAL RESOURCES

SOCIAL CAPITAL

HUMAN CAPITAL

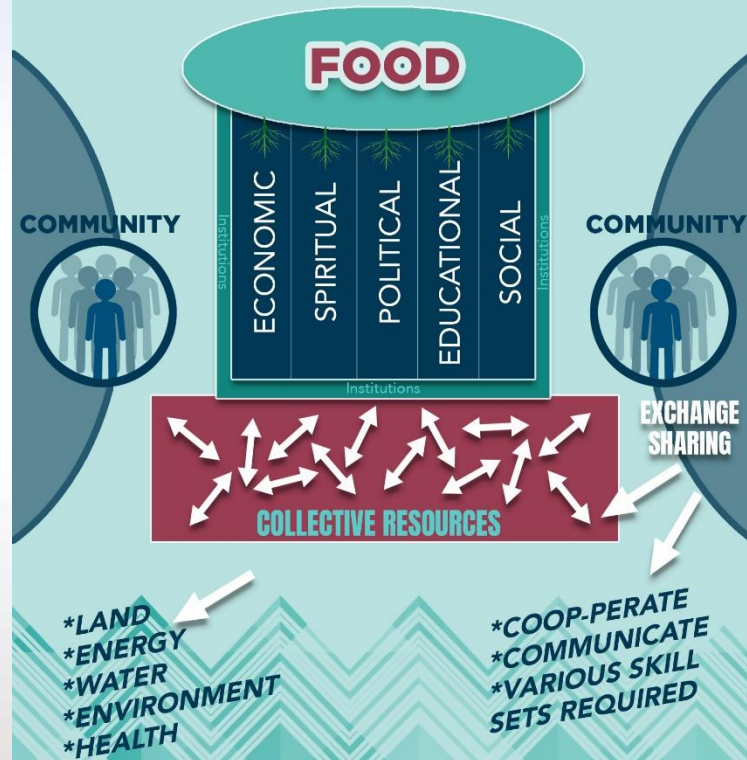
POLITICAL ASSETS

PHYSICAL ASSETS

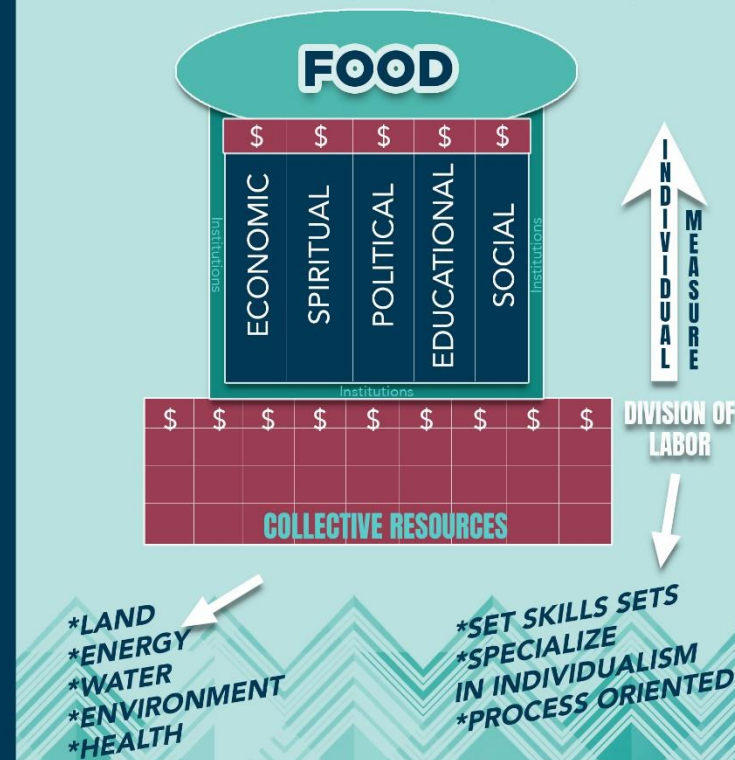
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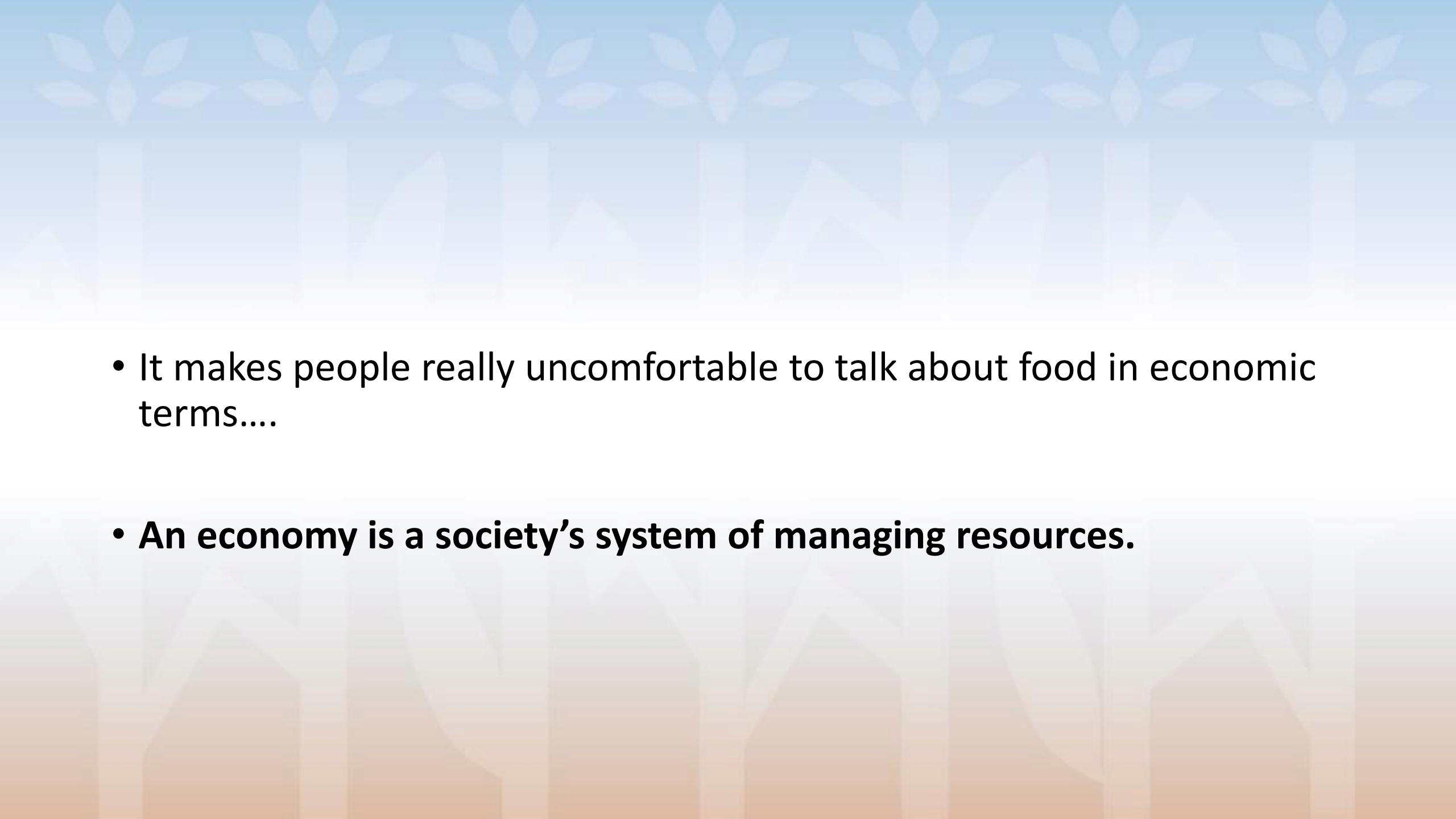
CULTURAL & ARTISTIC HERITAGE

Indigenous Food System



Mainstream Food System



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- It makes people really uncomfortable to talk about food in economic terms....
 - **An economy is a society's system of managing resources.**



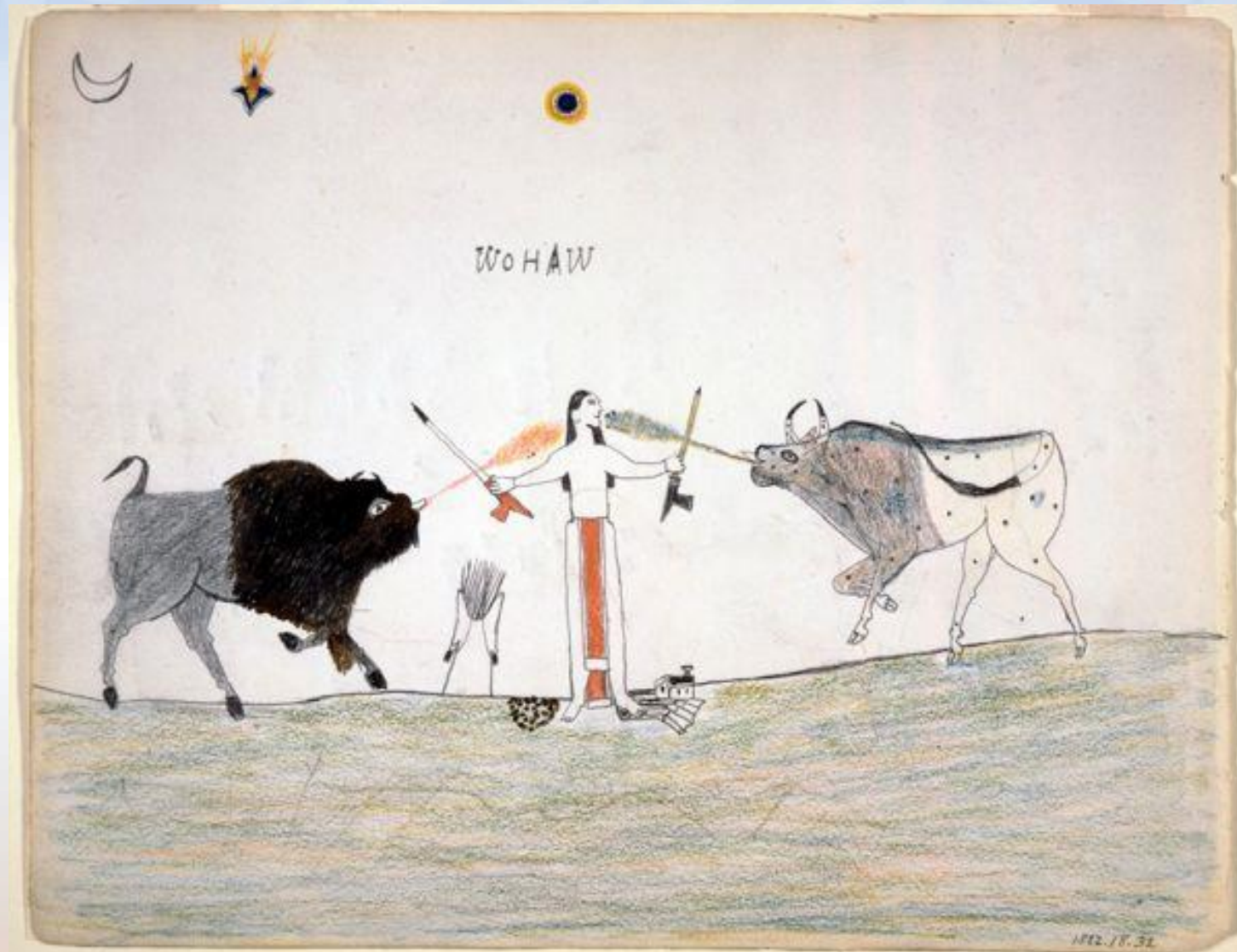
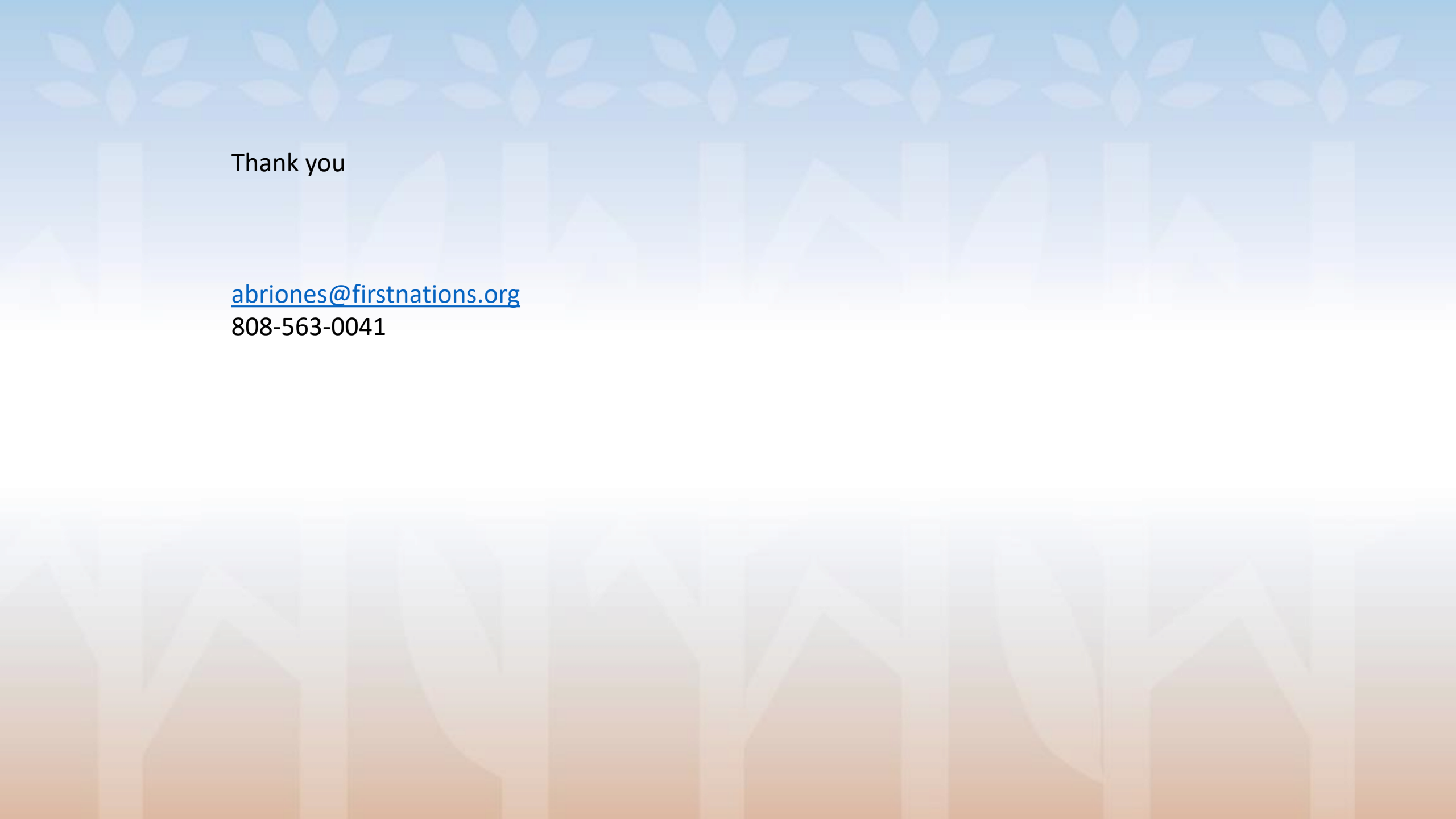


Figure 3 Wohaw's (Kiowa) Sketch, 1877. Wohaw was a Kiowa prisoner at Fort Marion, Florida (Found on the website for Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Thank you

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