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Acting Executive Secretary Announcement

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Dear California Native American Communities,

With deep appreciation and gratitude, the Native American Heritage Commission announces that Steven Quinn, our current Acting Executive Secretary, will be stepping down to pursue new professional and personal endeavors.

Mr. Quinn's journey with the Commission began more than nine years ago, starting as a front desk office technician. Through hard work, integrity, and a deep commitment to the mission of the Commission, he rose to become Acting Executive Secretary. His warmth and dedication left a lasting impression on all who have had the privilege of working with him. He will be greatly missed, and we wish him continued success in his next chapter.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to share that effective today, Chief Counsel Michelle Carr will assume the role of Acting Executive Secretary. Ms. Carr brings over 20 years of experience working in Indian Country and is widely respected for her unwavering dedication, legal expertise, and passionate advocacy.

We are confident in Ms. Carr's ability to guide the Commission during this transition and beyond, and we look forward to continuing our important work in partnership with Native American communities throughout California.

Reginald Pagaling
Chairman
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