



STATEMENT FROM INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' INITIATIVE INTRODUCING PRESIDENT JONATHAN NEZ AS CHAIR OF THE INDIGENOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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ARIZONA- Today, the Indigenous Peoples' Initiative (IPI) announced the appointment of President Jonathan Nez, former Navajo Nation President, as the Chairman of the Indigenous Advisory Committee and Ex-officio board member. The Indigenous Advisory Committee was established with the intent of facilitating and enhancing dialogue between Indigenous leaders and community advocates, for the purpose of creating a robust foundation of informative guidance and recommendations that shape the work and programs facilitated by the IPI and the communities we serve. It is our hope that curating deep connections with leaders in our communities will provide the best approach to resolving issues impacting Indigenous peoples.

Chairman Baca stated, "President Nez is a transformational leader that answered one of the highest callings of public service and helped bring the Navajo people to reach from where they were to where they have never been, and sometimes could scarcely imagine going. Working with President Nez over the past few years, he has left an indelible impression on what it means to be a leader for all people, not only on the Navajo Nation, but across Indian Country. I look forward Chief Executive Officer Schwartz said, "I am honored to welcome President Nez as the Chair of the Indigenous Advisory Committee. In this role, he will serve as the leader of our intergenerational committee that will advise and shape IPI's policy priorities and our entire breadth of work as an organization. We are grateful to have a leader like President Nez who brings to the table a wealth of knowledge from his experiences as a tribal leader, a dedicated advocate for his community, and a consultant on issues across Indian Country. I am thrilled to watch the Committee grow under his leadership."

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