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ANNOUNCEMENT

AICH is proud to announce the appointment of Patricia Tarrant as Executive Director of the American Indian Community House. Patricia is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara) located on the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota. She is a member of the Flint Knife Clan. Her parents are Victoria Yellow-Wolf Tarrant and Samuel Tarrant. She is the mother of a 13 year old daughter, Gracie Tarrant.

Patricia was born and raised in New Jersey and served AICH intermittently since 2005. First, as a Youth Council Member/Officer, then Administrative Assistant to Rosemary Richmond (the longest serving Executive Director of AICH), the RPMS Site Manager/Administrative Liaison and recently, Deputy Director. For the past few months she served alongside Benjamin Geboe as co-Director of AICH.

Patricia has always been an active community member and is recognizable at many activities and events in the northeast Native American community. During her youth, she danced with the Thunderbird American Indian Dancers. She has represented AICH at pow-wows and venues throughout the northeast and continues to represent AICH through her work in cultural preservation, visibility and representation of urban Indigenous communities. Patricia has led discussions and workshops in Women's Wellness, Empowerment & Health, and continues to foster connections with academic institutions, museums, and non-profit organizations in New York City.

Patricia was recently honored by the New York State Bar Association with a *Huntington Her Hero Lifetime Humanitarian Achievement Award* for her work with AICH and expanding representation and visibility of Native Americans in the New York City area. She has also recently been appointed to serve on the EPA Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program in Region II. This program makes federal funding more accessible to disadvantaged and under-resourced communities burdened by a variety of environmental and public health challenges. Additionally, she serves on the Landback Action Circle, an effort to procure a permanent building for AICH and other Indigenous organizations in New York City.

Her primary goal is to continue the mission of AICH for future generations. We look forward to this new chapter in AICH's history and welcome Patricia Tarrant as our new Executive Director.

Lance Richmond
Board Chair

The mission of American Indian Community House (AICH) is to improve and promote the well-being of the Native/Indigenous community in New York City and to increase the visibility of our cultures in an urban setting in order to cultivate awareness, understanding and respect.