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### **TAMERA BEGAY, ESQ. JOINS AMERICAN INDIAN CANCER FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - The American Indian Cancer Foundation (AICAF) is honored to announce Tamera Begay, Esq. (Navajo) has joined the Board of Directors as Vice Chair. Begay joins seven other American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian leaders from across the nation who are devoted to working with AICAF to improve cancer experiences and outcomes in our communities.



“We are so excited to have Tamera join our leadership here at AICAF. She was elected by our previous board of directors through a nomination process. Tamera has demonstrated her ability to successfully advocate for tribal nations at the national level,” said AICAF Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Melissa Buffalo. “Her wealth of knowledge and experience will only further our growth and development as an organization.”

Begay is currently an Assistant Prosecutor for the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. Her previous work in tribal law and policy has been highlighted with the Navajo Nation’s Washington Office, National Congress of American Indians, and the Office of Tribal Justice at the Department of Justice.

“As a cancer survivor and a Dine woman, I am honored to serve on the board of the American Indian Cancer Foundation. I look forward to addressing the inequities native people face when battling cancer while also ensuring that our people have the knowledge and tools to defeat cancer,” said Begay.

Tamera is from Crownpoint, New Mexico, and a citizen of the Navajo Nation. She received her law degree from Michigan State University College of Law and her Bachelor’s Degree in Business & Public Relations from Arizona State University.

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### **About the American Indian Cancer Foundation**

AICAF is a national Native-led and Native-governed non-profit organization established to address the tremendous cancer burdens faced by Native people. AICAF strives to be a partner trusted by tribes and organizations, working toward effective and sustainable cancer solutions based on cultural teachings and wisdom.

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