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AMERICAN INDIAN CANCER FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - The American Indian Cancer Foundation (AICAF) is pleased to announce a new Deputy Director, Lannesse Baker (Anishinaabe). Baker will help lead AICAF's commitment to creating solutions to the cancer burdens experienced by American Indian and Alaska Native people through improved access to prevention, early detection, treatment, and survivor support.

"Lannesse is joining AICAF during an incredibly exciting time as we embark on a new chapter of growth with our board of directors and staff," says Melissa Buffalo, AICAF Chief Executive Officer (CEO). "It was important to our organization to find a compassionate leader that will help guide us during this time while honoring our legacy."

As Deputy Director, Baker will help lead nationwide inter-tribal collaborations to define cancer barriers and solutions through AICAF's Cancer Equity, Research, and Prevention & Policy teams.

"I am committed to furthering the vision our CEO sets forth by continuing to build relationships with our staff, partners across Indian Country, and collaborators in public health," said Baker. "I'm looking forward to bringing my experience working in Tribal and Urban communities to find solutions through research, programming, and practices that are reflective of the beauty and strengths in our communities."

Baker earned a Master of Public Health at the University of Minnesota and is currently a third year PhD student in Indigenous Health at the University of North Dakota. She is a citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and has family from the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

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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