TRIBAL ADVISORY BOARD HOLDS INAUGURAL MEETING FOR 'INDIGENOUS RESILIENCE NETWORK'

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N50 PARTNERS PREPARE TO SCALE IRN DIGITAL INCLUSIVITY PROJECTS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

A newly constituted Advisory Board of tribal leaders -- who have distinguished themselves by strengthening socio-economic development within tribal and First Nation communities -- met recently to share their vision for realization of digitally-enabled goals through the Indigenous Resilience Network (IRN), an N50-enabled program focused on community empowerment based on digital inclusion, digital skills, workforce development and leveraging mentoring, certification and accreditation capabilities.

"Indigenous communities have a historic opportunity to strengthen their sovereignty through improved use and adoption of digital solutions," the Board said in a shared statement. "We are honored to work alongside the N50 Partners to achieve this goal."

The Board will be supported by an Executive Council of indigenous subject-matter experts, whose experience will enable the application of digital solutions to achieve tribal priorities. They include Christopher Key and Kimberly Pete (Lac Vieux Desert of Lake Superior Chippewa Indian Advancement.) Day-to-day IRN work will be conducted through a collaboration of indigenous digital specialists, Partners from the N50 ecosystem, and others whose vision and capabilities closely align with IRN.

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The IRN operational team includes:
Jesse Archer, Big Pine and Bishop Paiute, Nü Communications Alliance;
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