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## **Tribal Ready, PBC Chairman and CEO Commends the Launch of the Center for Tribal Digital Sovereignty**

**Washington, D.C.** – Yesterday, the American Indian Policy Institute (AIPI) at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) announced the launch of the Center for Tribal Digital Sovereignty. The center will be the first and only of its kind in the nation. It is intended to provide the resources and support needed for Tribal leadership and communities to institute a digital sovereignty plan.

“On behalf of Tribal Ready, I would like to congratulate AIPI and NCAI on this groundbreaking announcement. The needs of each Tribe differ and require unique planning that accommodates their values and way of life,” said Joe Valandra, Chairman and CEO of Tribal Ready. “The Center for Tribal Digital Sovereignty is designed to assist with policies that can help Tribal Communities access and use all of the benefits of digital connectivity while not sacrificing sovereignty.”

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### **About Tribal Ready**

Tribal Ready is a Native American-owned-and-governed company with decades of expertise in communication network design and delivery to high-cost rural areas. Our team has the knowledge and relationships vital for tribes to access broadband grant funding, as well as the trust necessary to preserve culture and advance tribal sovereignty. We are committed advocates for tribal sovereignty, fighting for the right to govern our own communities and benefit from access to modern technology. Our mission is to ensure that high-speed broadband reaches every Native American individual and community.