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Kaitlynn Romero Joins Nevada Department of Native American Affairs as Tribal Health Authority Council Coordinator

CARSON CITY, Nev. — The State of Nevada Department of Native American Affairs (DNAA) is proud to announce that Kaitlynn Romero has joined the agency as the program coordinator for the newly established Tribal Health Authority Council. Romero, an enrolled member of the Tlingit Nation and a descendant of the Kiowa Apache and Ponca Tribes of Oklahoma, brings a strong background in Indigenous advocacy, award-winning journalism, and policy research to the role.

Authorized by the Nevada State Legislature under Senate Bill 312, the Tribal Health Authority Council is a groundbreaking advisory body designed to empower Native American Tribal governments. The Council grants Tribal communities a formal, direct voice in statewide health decisions to combat persistent health disparities and improve healthcare systems serving Native Nevadans.

"As a proud Alaskan Native who has made Nevada my home, I am deeply committed to uplifting the voices of our Indigenous communities," Romero said. "The creation of the Tribal Health Authority Council is a monumental step forward, and I am honored to help facilitate this direct dialogue between our Tribal governments and the State to ensure equitable, culturally responsive healthcare."

Romero brings a wealth of relevant academic and professional experience to her new position. In 2025, she was recognized by the [Nevada Press Association](#) for award-winning collegiate journalism that highlighted cultural history, land sovereignty, and Indigenous misrepresentation. She earned her Associate's degree in Elementary Education from Haskell Indian Nations University in 2019 and

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completed her Bachelor's degree in Anthropology with a minor in Agriculture Communications at the University of Nevada, Reno in December 2026. Her background provides her with vital tools to analyze historical power structures and navigate critical policies regarding water, land rights, and food systems.

"Kaitlynne's unique blend of cultural perspective, academic training in anthropology, and media expertise makes her an incredible asset to our team," said DNAA Executive Director Stacey Montooth. "As we work to ensure Tribal sovereignty and advance critical health initiatives across the state, she will be invaluable to the Council's success."

Originally established decades ago to serve as a bridge for Tribal-State relations, the Department of Native American Affairs supports the social and economic well-being of Indigenous peoples. The DNAA acts as a crucial liaison between the State and Nevada's 20 federally recognized Tribes, advocating for both rural and urban Indigenous populations.

For more information about the Tribal Health Authority Council, please visit [DNAA Leadership](#).

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