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PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES INTENT TO APPOINT NEW ACHP MEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today President Barack Obama announced his intent to appoint a new Native American/Native Hawaiian member to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). He intends to nominate Reno Keoni Franklin, Chairman of the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians in Sonoma County, California, to replace Leonard Forsman. Forsman was named vice chairman of the ACHP last month. Read the White House's press release here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/12/21/president-obama-announces-more-key-administration-posts>

“I have worked with Reno Franklin over many years on issues affecting Native Americans and know he is passionate about his work,” said ACHP Chairman Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA. “Reno has a universal approach to solving problems, and he will bring an important perspective to the ACHP.”

Franklin has been chairman of the Kashia Band since 2013. He was previously the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Kashia Band from 2002 to 2009 and General Chairman of the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers from 2009 to 2011. He served as an observer on the ACHP in that capacity. Franklin was chairman of the National Indian Health Board from 2009 to 2011. From 2007 to 2011, he was chairman of the California Rural Indian Health Board.

“I am humbled to have been asked to serve our great nation in this capacity,” Franklin said. “The protection of our historic resources is a responsibility that has been taught to me from my Kashaya elders since birth, and I am deeply appreciative of their guidance and teachings. I am excited to work with my fellow ACHP members to do our part in the efforts to protect America's most priceless resource, our history.”

About the ACHP: An independent federal agency, the ACHP promotes the economic, educational, environmental, sustainability, and cultural values of historic preservation and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. It also influences federal activities, programs, and policies that affect historic and cultural properties. See www.achp.gov for more information.

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