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PRESS RELEASE

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Kelsey Ciugun Wallace Hired as Communications Director

Anchorage, AK (October 12, 2018) - Native Peoples Action is pleased to announce the hire of Kelsey Ciugun Wallace, Yup'ik, as the Communications Director. Wallace will work closely with the Executive Director to set and guide the strategy for all communications, website, and public relations messages to consistently articulate NPA's mission. Wallace will ensure that NPA is viewed as the primary source, disseminator, and conduit of information within its diverse network and constituent base. Wallace will be responsible for creating, implementing and carrying out communication, internal and external communications that will effectively promote NPA's values, mission, and traditional values.



Waqaa, Ciugutnguunga. Mamterillermiunguunga taugaam maani Anchorage-aami uitatuunga. Native Peoples Action-aami calilartua Communications Director-aarulua. Quyaunga uumek caliamnek ikayualuki yup'ut.

Kelsey Ciugun Wallace, Yup'ik and Irish, is originally from Bethel, Alaska on the Kuskokwim River. Her parents are John Apassangayaq Wallace and Sheila Cingarkaqa Mojin. Her maternal grandparents are the late Tsaliaq Moses Mojin and Ciuk'aaq Mary Mojin of Nunapicuaq. Her paternal grandparents are the late Shirley and John Wallace of Wisconsin. Kelsey is a mother whose fire and passions are driven by her love, respect, and understanding of our people, traditional ways of life, and the importance of holistic wellness. "The work of NPA is needed in our state; being able to have an indigenous voice represented at the various levels of policy making is essential. This ensures our future generations - our kids - are able to live and thrive in a state where our traditional lifeways are strengthened through the voices of our people. I'm blessed and excited to contribute my skills and abilities to NPA."

Kelsey obtained her undergraduate degree from UAF in Rural Development with a concentration in Indigenous Organizational Management and Yugtun language minor. She volunteers her time on many boards and committees throughout the community. She previously worked at the Alaska Native Heritage Center as the Public Relations and Marketing Manager.

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is an Alaska Native non-profit organization. We strive to provide Alaska Native peoples, communities, and our traditional values with a voice at all levels of policy making.