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RE: Te Kāhui Raraunga Charitable Trust (TKR) application for Generic Top Level Domain (gTLD) - Letter of Support

To the ICAAN gTLD Review Committee,

The **Global Indigenous Data Alliance (GIDA)** provides this letter of support to Te Kāhui Raraunga Charitable Trust (TKR) and their application for a Generic Top Level Domain (gTLD) in the ICANN gTLD Program: 2026 Round.

TKR is a well-respected advocate of Indigenous Data Sovereignty rights and interests in Aotearoa New Zealand and worldwide. TKR has always been an informed, ambitious, and innovative leader in Indigenous Data Sovereignty, and are naturally the entity to be leading this gTLD *Community Application*. They have connections that span continents and countries and share their innovations and designs across Indigenous communities and organizations.

GIDA is an international network of networks advancing Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Governance, asserting Indigenous Peoples rights and interests in data, advocating for data for the self-determined wellbeing of Indigenous Peoples, and reinforcing the rights to engage in decision-making in accordance with Indigenous values and collective interests. TKR has collaborated with GIDA member networks from Te Mana Raraunga in Aotearoa New Zealand to the US Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network at the Indigenous Data Alliance. As trusted partners, TKR has the technical, governance, and relational skills necessary to design and implement the gTLD.

GIDA supports this *Community Application* for a gTLD as a pathway to give expression to Indigenous Peoples' worldviews, wellbeing, and efforts in a valued and trusted manner. GIDA is an international leader in Indigenous Data Sovereignty. Created as a global network of regional and nation state-based Indigenous Data Sovereignty networks in 2019, GIDA members collaborate across these networks on our biannual Global Indigenous Data Sovereignty Conference, network-based gatherings worldwide, policy design and advocacy, and position statements on emerging issues and technology. Importantly, GIDA members led the design of the CARE Principles for Indigenous Data Governance (Collective benefit, Authority to control, Responsibility, Ethics) which GIDA released in 2019. CARE sits alongside the FAIR Principles as broad guidance for the governance of Indigenous data across continents, institutions, and governments

GIDA supports the proposed gTLD and will support uptake across communities worldwide. GIDA views the proposed gTLD as an important mechanism that can assist communities and institutions to advance their aspirations digitally across the internet, including cultural, socio-economic, political, environment, technology and commercial endeavours. GIDA will work across networks to support the growth, uptake, and implementation of the gTLD. We are also excited by and support the establishment of an Indigenous Data Trust as a governance model and associated activities underpinned by the CARE principles. GIDA pledges our expertise to support its establishment. For example, GIDA's CARE Principles could act as a pre-requisite and filter in pre-registration of all domain names, among other applications.

Today, there is no other entity other than TKR who should lead this effort. GIDA provides its strongest for their application. Across GIDA's member networks, Indigenous communities are actively working to design data and technology governance structures. TKR's relationships and leadership in this realm positions them well to co-create a shared model — one grounded in Indigenous rights and rooted in enduring relationships to data.

Sincerely,



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