

30 July 2026

Letter of Support Recognising the Indigenous Status of Te Kāhui Raraunga

Tēnā koe, ōtirā tēnā koutou,

Ka mahara tonu tātou ki te hunga kua wehe atu ki te pō. Nā reira, kei ngā hou kōtuku kua whatia e te mate, e moe koutou i te anuanu, i te mātaotao, ā, kua tōkia ō koutou kiri e te tōmairangi, maranga rā kua mutu ngā mamaetanga o tēnei ao matemate. Ka tīkina atu ngā kupu nunui, haere ngā mate, haere, haere atu rā. Ka huri ki a tātou te hunga ora, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

I write this letter in support of Te Kāhui Raraunga's (TKR's) application to the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) for a generic Top Level Domain (gTLD). The National Iwi Chairs Forum (NICF) was created in order to realise the advocacy of iwi Māori in Aotearoa, New Zealand. Over 80 iwi (tribes) are members of NICF, and together they formed several portfolios, each charged with leading matters of strategic importance to iwi-Māori- the indigenous people of Aotearoa, New Zealand.

TKR is the operational arm of one of these portfolios, known as the Data Iwi Leaders group. Under the mandate of the NICF, TKR are applying for the gTLD in order to realise the aspirations of iwi-Māori with regard to how our data is collected, stored, accessed, and used. TKR's aim is to enhance the social, cultural, environmental, and economic well-being of Māori; to enable iwi, hapū and whānau Māori to access, collect and use Māori data.

For the TKR application, this letter confirms recognition of TKR as an Indigenous organisation by our organisation, Te Hiku Media, an Indigenous, tribal, broadcasting and data science organisation, based in Kaitaia. Furthermore, we support TKR's application as a significant step towards enabling iwi-Māori and global Indigenous data sovereignty. Te Hiku Media understands this is the very first Indigenous-led application providing an opportunity to allow for the expression of our tikanga (protocols) in the management of domain names.

Nāku noa, nā



Peter-Lucas Jones
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July 31, 2026

Re: Letter of Support for Te Kāhui Raraunga Charitable Trust's Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Application

Aloha Members of the ICANN gTLD Evaluation Committee,

On behalf of the 'Ōiwi Data Sovereignty Collective, we are honored to express our strong support for the application submitted by Te Kāhui Raraunga Charitable Trust (TKR) for a Community Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) through the ICANN 2026 gTLD Program.

The 'Ōiwi Data Sovereignty Collective is dedicated to advancing Indigenous Data Sovereignty through the protection, governance, and stewardship of 'ike (knowledge) and digital resources. Our work is grounded in the perpetuation of 'ike kūpuna (traditional knowledge) and the inherent right of Indigenous peoples to govern the data and digital infrastructures that shape our communities and futures.

Our support for this application is rooted in the enduring relationship between the Indigenous peoples of Hawai'i and Aotearoa and our shared mo'okū'auhau (genealogy), Waiwai (values), and kuleana (responsibilities) as Indigenous peoples of Moananuiākea, our oceanic home of the Pacific Ocean. For generations, our nations have strengthened one another through cultural exchange, navigation, language revitalization, environmental stewardship, and Indigenous governance.

Māori have long demonstrated global leadership in Indigenous innovation. The Kōhanga Reo movement transformed Indigenous language revitalization and inspired Native Hawaiian immersion education, while Te Kāhui Raraunga has helped shape the international field of Indigenous Data Sovereignty through the development of Indigenous data governance frameworks and leadership in advancing the CARE Principles. Their work continues to provide models that Indigenous nations, including those in Hawai'i, adapt and strengthen through reciprocal collaboration.

These longstanding relationships have fostered meaningful partnerships between Native Hawaiian and Māori to advance Indigenous Data Sovereignty, digital governance, and self-determination. The proposed Community gTLD reflects this shared commitment by creating an



Indigenous-governed digital space that strengthens authentic Indigenous representation, protects Indigenous identities, and supports the cultural, educational, environmental, technological, and economic aspirations of Indigenous peoples.



The 'Ōiwi Data Sovereignty Collective recognizes Te Kāhui Raraunga as a global leader in Indigenous Data Sovereignty and fully supports its vision of advancing Indigenous self-determination through Indigenous-led digital governance. We believe this initiative is an critical milestone for Māori and Indigenous communities worldwide, demonstrating how ancestral relationships, shared values, and Indigenous governance can shape culturally grounded and Indigenous controlled data and digital self-determination.

Mahalo for your consideration of this application and for recognizing the importance of Indigenous-led governance within the evolving digital landscape.

Respectfully,

'Ōiwi Data Sovereignty Collective

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4 August 2026

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

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the **Aleut Community of St. Paul Island Tribal Government**, of P.O. Box 86, St. Paul Island, Alaska 99660, United States of America, I provide 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 across Indigenous communities worldwide. We have followed TKR's work from the northern Bering Sea, and it has shaped our own work in our Indigenous Sentinels Network (ISN) program. TKR's Māori Data Governance Model and its Te Mana Whakatipu framework have directly informed how our ISN program thinks about Indigenous data workforce development and capacity pathways in an Alaska Native context. That influence has travelled roughly seven thousand miles without a formal agreement, a funding relationship, or a shared jurisdiction, which is itself evidence of the standing TKR holds among Indigenous Peoples globally.

Our organization, the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island Tribal Government, supports this *Community Application* for a gTLD as a pathway to give expression to Indigenous peoples' worldviews, wellbeing and endeavors in a valued and trusted manner. We are active in the community whereby we:

- serve and represent the Unangaġ (Aleut) people of St. Paul Island in the Pribilof Islands of the Bering Sea, Alaska, as a federally recognized sovereign Tribal Government. Through our Tribal Government, we deliver environmental stewardship, marine research, subsistence resource management, cultural preservation, health, education and tribal court services to our membership. Through our Ecosystem Conservation Office and our Indigenous Sentinels Network (ISN) program, we operate community-led environmental monitoring across the Bering Sea and Alaska, work whose lineage runs back to the Tanaliġ Amgiġnaġ (Island Sentinel) program established on St. Paul Island in 1999;
- are part of the growing global Indigenous data sovereignty network since 2025 and have carried that commitment into national and international forums including the US Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network, where our Tribal Government's ISN program was recognized with the Indigenous Data Warrior Community Award, and the Arctic Observing Summit, where we have presented on Indigenous data governance infrastructure;

- are active across the network and have collaborated with the US Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network and the Collaboratory for Indigenous Data Governance; the Global Indigenous Data Alliance; the Exchange for Local Observations and Knowledge of the Arctic (ELOKA); the Indigenous Peoples Data Collective, which we co-lead; and approximately twenty-five Tribes and Tribal organizations across Alaska who participate in the Indigenous Sentinels Network as data-sovereign partners. We have also worked with United States federal government agencies, including National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Science Foundation, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Environmental Protection Agency, to advance Indigenous governance of the data generated in and about our homelands, and we advocated for the Alaska Federation of Natives Resolution 25-05 calling for permanent investment in Indigenous Sentinel, Ranger and Guardian programs;
- are self-organizing and self-governing, and we support the proposed gTLD which can assist Indigenous leaders and communities to advance their aspirations digitally across the internet such as cultural, socio-economic, political, environment, technology and commercial endeavors. In particular, this includes our own ability to host and steward community-collected environmental observations, traditional knowledge and language materials within digital infrastructure that Indigenous Peoples ourselves govern. Indigenous data sovereignty cannot rest solely on how data is collected and licensed; it must also reach the naming, addressing and hosting layers through which that data moves. A gTLD held and operated by an Indigenous organization moves self-determination into a layer of the internet that has, until now, been governed entirely without us;
- support the establishment of an Indigenous Data Trust as a governance model and associated activities underpinned by the CARE Principles for Indigenous Data Governance (Collective Benefit, Authority to Control, Responsibility, and Ethics) which are the foundation of our own data governance practice.

We offer this support without reservation and are available to the evaluation panel should confirmation of this letter be required.

Thank you,

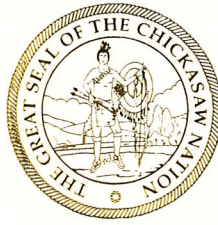
Signed by



John Wayne Melovidov
President

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Dated 4th of August, 2026.



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August 4, 2026

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Dear ICANN Board of Directors:

The Chickasaw Nation is pleased to support the Te Kāhui Raraunga Charitable Trust's (TKR) community application for Generic Top Level Domain (gTLD). The Chickasaw Nation is a federally recognized First American tribe with more than 83,000 citizens worldwide.

Our treaty territory covers 7,648 square miles in south-central Oklahoma, and we operate a diverse economic portfolio consisting of more than 100 businesses across a wide variety of industries. As a sovereign government, the Chickasaw Nation is dedicated to the preservation and protection of our culture and identity, including the use of our tribe's name, logo, seal. We also take great care to ensure the integrity and accuracy of our tribe's history and story.

We commend TKR's proven dedication to being a well-respected and globally renowned advocate for Indigenous and Tribal data sovereignty, of which their work is consistently perceived as among the most advanced and culturally informed. We believe TKR has the substantive knowledge and capacity to administer the domain in a manner consistent with established principles of Indigenous and Tribal data governance. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Anoatubby", is written over a horizontal line.

Chris Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation



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

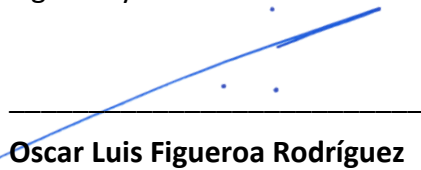
I Oscar Luis Figueroa Rodríguez / Colegio de Postgraduados,
of Km. 36.5 Carretera México Texcoco, Montecillo, Texcoco, Estado de México MEXICO, PO 56264,
provide this letter of support to Te Kāhui Raraunga Charitable Trust (TKR) and their application for
a Generic Top Level Domain (gTLD) in the ICANN gTLD Program: 2026 Round.

TKR is a well-respected advocate of indigenous data sovereignty, rights and interests in Aotearoa
New Zealand and across indigenous communities worldwide.

Our organization, Colegio de Postgraduados supports this *Community Application* for a gTLD as a
pathway to give expression to indigenous peoples' worldviews, wellbeing and endeavors in a valued
and trusted manner. **I/We** are active in the community whereby I;

- serve and represent our indigenous community/ies of Mixteco, Mixe, Mazateco and Zapoteco in Oaxaca State, Mexico through training, capacity building, project co design in rural development and agricultural practices
- are part of the growing global indigenous data sovereignty network since **2017**
- are active across the network and have collaborated with doing advocacy with other GIDA members
- are self-organising and self-governing and we support the proposed gTLD which can assist us to advance our aspirations digitally across the internet such as cultural, socio-economic, political, environment, technology and commercial endeavours.
- support the establishment of an indigenous Data Trust as a governance model and associated activities underpinned by the CARE principles.

Signed by


Oscar Luis Figueroa Rodríguez

PhD Full Professor

Colegio de Postgraduados, MEXICO

Dated 5 of August, 2026.





July 22, 2026

To the ICANN gTLD Program Assessors

From the First Nations Information Governance Centre in support of Te Kāhui Raraunga Charitable Trust

The First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC) is a national incorporated, non-profit organization committed to producing evidence-based research and information that will help each First Nation in Canada achieve data sovereignty in alignment with their distinct worldview. The FNIGC is a strictly technical and apolitical organization with a mandate from the Assembly of First Nations' Chiefs-in-Assembly (AFN Resolution #48, December 2009) to strengthen First Nations data sovereignty. FNIGC is not a rights-holding organization; our work includes research and analysis of the technical elements of First Nations data sovereignty, supporting First Nations in advancing the national First Nations Data Governance Strategy (FNDGS), and stewarding the First Nations Principles of OCAP®: ownership, control, access, and possession of First Nations information by First Nations.

FNIGC supports the submission of Te Kāhui Raraunga Charitable Trust for a Generic Top Level Domain (gTLD) to further the establishment of a global indigenous 'Data Trust' as a governance model to support First Nations organizations in a larger capacity that allows for multiple First Nations organizations and rights holders to develop a process and digital space that strengthens self-determination. Data sovereignty is a crucial step toward realizing full self-government of First Nations. Indigenous peoples, and by extension, First Nations, having control of their own digital domains will protect their inherent, Treaty, and Constitutional rights to data sovereignty by strengthening their ownership and control of the stack.

FNIGC implores ICAAN to recognize the unique needs of global Indigenous Peoples to build their own domains in the digital world. As the digital world takes up more of our society, Indigenous peoples need access to the tools that they can control and possess – a domain would be a fundamental building block towards digital sovereignty. Currently, First Nations are limited to the use of .ca domain names through CIRA, which is administered with “economic, social and cultural” goals in a firmly Canadian Context. While CIRA sees its work “as a go-to public resource” with goals to “build a better internet across Canada and around the world,” First Nations in Canada know that their values are distinct from Canada. The opportunity for First Nations to participate in a gTLD administered through Indigenous Protocols, which for First Nations would include the First Nations Principles of OCAP®, is important in operationalizing Indigenous digital futures.





3 August 2026

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,



Stephanie Russo Carroll
Chair, Executive Committee
Global Indigenous Data Alliance



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INDIGENOUS DATA ALLIANCE



August 03, 2026

To the ICAAN gTLD Review Committee –

The Indigenous Data Alliance (IDA) writes this letter in support of Te Kāhui Raraunga Charitable Trust (TKR) and their application for a Generic Top Level Domain (gTLD) in the ICANN gTLD Program: 2026 Round. IDA is an Indigenous women-led nonprofit operating in the United States (US) and its territories to advance Indigenous Data Sovereignty (IDSov), the rights of Indigenous Peoples to govern data about their peoples, lands, and resources. IDA (and the affiliated US Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network) also represents the US chapter of the Global Indigenous Data Alliance (GIDA) Executive Committee.

IDA has collaborated with TKR for the past year since the formation of our organization, and several of our founding members have worked with TKR team members for two or more years. In our experience, TKR is not only engaged in trustworthy and impactful work in the Māori Data Sovereignty movement in Aotearoa (New Zealand); they have also established themselves as global leaders in the collective IDSov movement.

As a US-based organization, IDA carries the responsibility of creating change and generating resources that are accessible and relevant to Indigenous communities across hundreds of Tribes in the continental US, as well as those in Alaska, Hawai'i, and the US territories such as Guam and Puerto Rico. While the data needs and interests of peoples across this heterogenous scope vary widely, it is always valuable for communities to see real examples of Indigenous-led data infrastructures in other contexts. We see TKR's Te Pā Tūwatawata (TPT, decentralized and Māori owned cloud) as a leading example. We are actively establishing cross-community exchanges and partnerships among TKR and US-based Tribes to raise the visibility of TPT. This includes our US Indigenous Data Sovereignty Summit where TKR presented to hundreds of Tribal Leaders and Indigenous and allied data practitioners on their work. It also includes current grant-based projects that will support TKR to host partner Tribes in Aotearoa to see these infrastructures firsthand. For Tribes and Indigenous communities working to create bespoke and community-led data infrastructures in their own contexts, seeing these examples in practice and building relationships with their designers is invaluable.



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IDSov is a global and collective movement that strives from cross-community solidarities like what we are building with TKR. This is why we are thrilled at the prospect of the proposed gTLD. We believe the domain would strengthen our own communities' abilities to advance their unique data aspirations across sectors. At present, Tribes in the US operate largely under .gov domains, for which they must apply to the US federal government to secure. This creates dependence and precarity given ever-shifting administrative priorities under the US federal government. The proposed domain would create powerful new possibilities for Tribes and Indigenous people whose values and aspirations are distinct from those of the US federal government, and who are actively seeking ways to build sovereign data infrastructures in which they actively opt *in* to every aspect of the tech stack, from the cloud to the built infrastructure.

We deeply trust TKR as stewards and leaders of this effort and offer our strong and enthusiastic support of their application. Establishing governance is something we are all actively doing in our respective contexts; with TKR's leadership, we believe we can co-create a model that upholds Indigenous rights and maintains relationships to data.

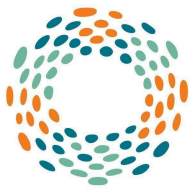
Saina ma'åse (thank you),

Riley Taitingfong

Riley Taitingfong, PhD

Director, United States Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network

Co-Director, Indigenous Data Alliance



1 August 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

We, Local Contexts, of 240 Greene St., New York, NY, United States, provide 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. Local Contexts is a nonprofit organization focused on supporting Indigenous Data Sovereignty (IDSov) and cultural authority.

Our organization, Local Contexts, supports this *Community Application* for a gTLD as a pathway to give expression to Indigenous peoples' worldviews, wellbeing, and endeavors in a valued and trusted manner.

We are active in the community whereby we:

- serve Indigenous communities across Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the Cook Islands, Colombia, Ecuador, French Polynesia, Guatemala, Sierra Leone, and the United States by providing training, resources, and tools to uphold and recognize their sovereignty;
- are part of the growing global IDSov movement since our inception in 2010, and have collaborated with local, national, and international organizations and forums to: advocate for and create standards around the provenance of Indigenous data (IEEE, TDWG, GBIF); embed Indigenous rights within digital infrastructures (Library of Congress, Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research); and provide practical tools for community-driven Indigenous Data Sovereignty strategies (Indigenous Data Exchange, Indigenous Data Alliance).

TKR is a well-respected advocate of IDSov, rights, and interests in Aotearoa New Zealand and across Indigenous communities worldwide. TKR has become an exemplar model for responsible and responsive Indigenous data management. We support TKR's application, which will advance Indigenous aspirations.

Sincerely,

Hop Hopkins

Executive Director

Local Contexts



5 August 2026

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Tēnā koe,

Re: Kāhui Raraunga Charitable Trust (TKR) application for Generic Top Level Domain (gTLD)

I write as the Co-Director of [Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga](#) to support the application of Te Kāhui Raraunga Charitable Trust (TKR) for a Generic Top Level Domain (gTLD) in the ICANN gTLD Program: 2026 Round.

Hosted by Waipapa Taumata Rau | The University of Auckland, Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga is Aotearoa New Zealand's only Indigenous Centre of Research Excellence, delivering transdisciplinary research relevant to Māori communities and maintaining the nation's leadership in global Indigenous affairs. The centre is driven by a vision of creating the foundations for flourishing Māori futures and effecting transformative positive change locally and worldwide. We fund research that supports Indigenous data sovereignty and our networks includes many early career and senior researchers who are actively involved in the Māori data sovereignty network, Te Mana Raraunga.

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga has an excellent relationship with TKR, anchored in a mutual commitment to upholding mana motuhake, mātauranga Māori and Māori data sovereignty. TKR is widely respected for its integrity and effectiveness in advocating for Indigenous data rights and interests in Aotearoa New Zealand and for Indigenous communities worldwide.

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga supports this *Community Application* for a gTLD as a pathway to give expression to Indigenous Peoples' worldviews, wellbeing and endeavors in a valued and trusted manner. We would also support the establishment of an Indigenous Data Trust, by TKR, as a governance model and associated activities underpinned by the CARE principles and the Māori Data Governance Model.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at tahu.kukutai@waikato.ac.nz if you require further information.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Tahu' followed by a stylized surname.

Tahu Kukutai, PhD FRSNZ

Dated 5 of August, 2026



TE MANA
RARAUNGA

<https://www.temanararaunga.maori.nz/>

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

We Te Mana Raraunga, provide 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 across indigenous communities worldwide.

Our organization, Te Mana Raraunga supports this *Community Application* for a gTLD as a pathway to give expression to indigenous peoples' worldviews, wellbeing and endeavors in a valued and trusted manner.

Te Mana Raraunga, the Māori Data Sovereignty Network, brings together over 800 Māori researchers, practitioners and entrepreneurs from a range of sectors. Te Mana Raraunga (TMR) advocates for the realisation of Māori rights and interests in data, for data to be used in safe and ethical ways to enhance the well-being of Māori people, language and culture, and for Māori governance over Māori data.

TMR is part of a global shift in which Indigenous peoples are re-articulating our sovereignty in relation to data and reaffirming rights under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and other international and nation-based treaties and conventions. TMR is part of the Global Indigenous Data Alliance, and contributes to work on the well-established CARE principles and global Indigenous data sovereignty movement.

To this end, we support the proposed gTLD as an important mechanism which can assist us to advance our aspirations digitally across the internet such as cultural, socio-economic, political, environment, technology and commercial endeavours. Further, we support the establishment of an Indigenous Data Trust as a governance model and associated activities underpinned by the CARE principles.

Signed by

Dr Kiri West On behalf of Te Pokapū, the working group of Te Mana Raraunga.

Dated 07 of August, 2026.