

NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION

CHAIR'S NOTICE - Chairman E. Sequoyah Simermeyer

Today, September 14th, I had the opportunity to present the National Indian Gaming Commission's perspective on digital wallet technology. The presentation was made to a large national gathering of information technology and cyber security professionals from across Indian country. I am grateful to Executive Director Mike Day and the Tribal Hub community for its leadership in Indian country, that's led to regular gatherings of subject matter experts around the important topics related to technology and technology's impact on tribal governance.

Over the last thirty years, Indian gaming's regulatory framework has been a proven system to maintain a reputation for integrity while allowing for innovation. My presentation today focused on digital wallets as the latest frontier.

I gave an overview of existing NIGC regulatory requirements that may be implicated with the adoption of new technology like digital wallets. I also discussed public policy goals and objectives tribal leadership has the opportunity to consider when adopting new technologies such as digital wallets and cashless systems.

Beyond economic opportunity, I discussed how new technology can provide additional tools in achieving public policy goals in areas such as financial crimes, age verification, and responsible gaming. The dynamic between regulators and lawmakers provides important and distinct responsibilities.

My presentation is attached below. Also, here is a link to an <u>interview</u> I conducted after presenting at the Tribal Hub conference in Reno, NV, where I discussed the importance of cyber security in the Indian gaming community and highlighted the important work of NIGC experts like IT Audit Manager Tim Cotton.

I'm again grateful for the chance to discuss technology related issues with an important gathering of Indian country stakeholders in the technology and cyber security community.



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