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Kim Myers is the Director of Public Affairs for the National Indian Gaming Commission, an independent federal regulatory agency established within the Department of the Interior. In this position, Myers is responsible for national policy, planning, management and evaluation of communication programs encompassing media engagement, internal information, external relations and legislative affairs.

Prior to joining the NIGC, Myers served as the first Outreach and Public Affairs Specialist for the Office of Financial Readiness within the Department of Defense, under the Principle Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. Her work focused on laying the foundation and establishing communications, messaging and outreach on issues of financial education and literacy for over two million Service members and families. As the focal point for educating Service members, Myers' first order of business was to begin communication efforts on the largest change to the military retirement system, to accomplish this, she developed and oversaw the strategic communication efforts and tactics for the Department and established partnerships with federal and non-federal agencies.

Myers began her career with the Department of Defense in 2002, serving as a Community Readiness Specialist for the Family Support Center at Geilenkirchen NATO Airbase in Germany and later Robins AFB located in Warner Robins, GA. She advanced and held Center Director positions at Joint Base Andrews, MD and Joint Base San Antonio- Lackland, San Antonio TX. Her career finally brought her back to the DC metro area to work within Military Community and Family Policy, in 2015.

A native of Oklahoma City, Myers received her bachelor's degree in Community Health from The University of Central Oklahoma, OK. She earned her master's degree in Human Services from Capella University, MN.

The <u>Indian Gaming Regulatory Act</u> created the National Indian Gaming Commission to support tribal self-sufficiency and the integrity of Indian gaming. The NIGC has developed four initiatives to support its mission including (1) To protect against anything that amounts to gamesmanship on the backs of tribes; (2) To stay ahead of the Technology Curve; (3) Rural outreach; and (4) To maintain a strong workforce within NIGC and with its tribal regulatory partners. NIGC oversees the efficient regulation of 497 gaming establishments operated by 244 tribes across 29 states. The Commission's dedication to compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act ensures the integrity of the growing \$29.9 billion Indian gaming industry. To learn more, visit <u>www.nigc.gov</u> and follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

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