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# MEDITATIONS ON DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY

expressing tribal interests through  
telecommunications policy

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**HOW**

**DO WE**

**GET WIRED**

**WITHOUT SACRIFICING**

**OUR BEST INTERESTS?**

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**HOW**

**DO WE CREATE  
A TECHNO-SAVVY  
GENERATION  
WITHOUT LOSING  
OUR CULTURE?**

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**HOW  
DO WE BRING  
THE "NEW ECONOMY"  
TO INDIAN COUNTRY?**

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**HOW**

**DO WE  
MAKE  
INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY  
INDIAN?**

**(this is the bottom line)**

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EXPRESS

YOUR  
SOVEREIGNTY

# INTERNAL EXPRESSIONS

- **KEEP INFORMED**
- **APPOINT A CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER**
- **EVALUATE YOUR TRIBE'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NEEDS**
- **ESTABLISH SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICIES/STRATEGIES**
- **BUILD TELECOM REGULATORY CAPACITY**

# EXTERNAL EXPRESSIONS

- **PARTICIPATE**
- **ADVOCATE AGGRESSIVELY**
- **ESTABLISH REGIONAL TRIBAL CONSORTIA TO LEVERAGE RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES**
- **PURSUE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS WITH INDUSTRY GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS**

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**IF**

**TRIBAL  
SOVEREIGNTY  
IS NOT BEING EXPRESSED  
IT IS BEING  
LIMITED**

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