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### **FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY TRIBAL TREASURER JOSEPH DANIELS, SR. ELECTED TO THE ASSOCIATION ON AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 26, 2019 – The membership of the Association on American Indian Affairs, at its 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting, nominated and elected Joseph Daniels, Sr. of the Forest County Potawatomi Community to the Association’s Board of Directors.

“I am honored to join this organization. For decades, this group has been at the forefront of fighting for things that are critical to Indian Country - like protecting sovereignty and preserving culture.” said Daniels. “Through our continued efforts, we can ensure that these crucial things will be preserved for future generations.”

Daniels has served as the elected Treasurer of the Forest County Potawatomi Community for four nonconsecutive terms. Prior to being elected Treasurer, he worked in the Tribe’s Finance Department and has served as the appointed Finance Chairman for the Tribe. Daniels also serves as a ceremonial and religious leader and as an advisor to the Tribe’s Native American Graves Protection Act (NAGPRA) liaison.

“I am grateful for the integrity and knowledge Treasurer Daniels brings to our Board of Directors. Daniels’ understanding of important Indian Country issues, and his own connection to his cultural practices will support our Board just as much as his financial expertise,” said Association Board President Frank Ettawageshik.

Shannon Keller O’Loughlin, Executive Director and attorney for the Association, added, “Daniels will provide leadership to the Board in how best to achieve sustainability for our next 100 years. The membership and our Board have the highest confidence in Treasurer Daniels’ commitment to the Association and Indian Country.”

Daniels and his wife reside in Crandon, Wisconsin.

The Association on American Indian Affairs is a 501(c)(3) organization and the oldest non-profit serving Indian Country protecting sovereignty, preserving culture, educating youth and building capacity. The Association was formed in 1922 to change the destructive path of federal policy from assimilation, termination and allotment, towards sovereignty, self-determination and self-sufficiency. Throughout its 96-year history, the Association has provided national advocacy on watershed issues that support sovereignty and culture, while working at a grassroots level with Tribes to support the implementation of programs that affect real lives on the ground.