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To the ICC,

It is with great honor and the utmost respect that I submit this letter of support for Empress Danielle Logan for the position and title of Queen Mother II of the Americas. I met Empress Danielle Logan in 2018 during my first reign as the 48th Empress of the Imperial Court of Los Angeles and Hollywood. It was my first interaction with Empress Danielle Logan that left a lasting impression of her dedication to the Imperial Court System and her nurturing qualities that have supported the growth of young empresses like my self. Over the years, Empress Danielle Logan has left a significant mark on my life. Through her advocacy, she ensured that I received support from the ICC as I pursued a master's degree in social work from the Boston College School of Social Work as an undocumented student and DACA recipient. The hope and trust she instilled in me allowed me to pursue my career goals and, in return, give my dedication to our communities, which are continuously affected by mental health issues.

Today, in my capacity as a Clinical Social Worker, I acknowledge and support the work that Empress Danielle Logan continues to do for our transgender brothers and sisters. For many years, Empress Danielle Logan has continued to lead the ICS in a positive direction that has highlighted, transformed, and given value to the lives of our transgender community—particularly when they have been most vulnerable and under attack by an administration that continues to erase and silence them.

The story and work of Empress Danielle Logan began in the 1980s, when she became the first transgender person elected to serve as Empress in Nebraska. But her work expanded this significant feat. Empress Danielle Logan had worked for many years as a community advocate, supporting her community members affected by the AIDS epidemic. This demonstrates the impact that Empress Danielle Logan initiated and would continue to make for years to come beyond Nebraska.

As Empress XXXIII of Hawaii, she continued to flourish and grow in her own right and power, serving as a beacon of hope for the ICS and the transgender communities across Hawaii, the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. Her calm and graceful demeanor speaks to the trust that the ICS and its members have placed in her over the last 14 years, as she has held various positions of leadership that have significantly marked her trajectory, including Chair, First and Second Vice President, member of the Court Relations Committee, Chair of Trans+ Initiatives, and Chair of the Trans+ Empowerment Committee.

Her leadership proves that she is the ideal candidate to step into this role, as she has remained consistent in her commitment and engagement with the ICS throughout her tenure as Queen Mother 1 of the United States. Her consistency makes her admirable, proving that the ICS and ICC can place their trust in someone with her level of expertise, experience, and dedication, she is sure to be unshaken by tribulation that may come her way.

In addition, Empress Danielle Logan has stood strong over the years, firm in the belief that we are all deserving of equity, shaping our voices that often get lost in the wind. She is deeply committed to the growth of the ICS and to the growth of future leaders like me. She is a mentor and an agent of change. She continues to shape the lives of our transgender community in our great state of California, where she serves on the California Lieutenant Governor's Transgender Advisory Council and provides her expertise to transform the policies that govern our state.

Beyond raising thousands of dollars for our communities across the country and sister nations, Empress Danielle Logan leads with heart and hope for a better future for the upcoming generations. At a time when trans+ communities and other marginalized groups face relentless attacks across the United States and in parts of Canada and Mexico, the need for experienced, visionary leadership has never been greater.

In this pivotal moment of our collective history, Empress Danielle Logan stands as a definitive beacon of strength, wisdom, and resilience. Her lifetime of selfless service, tireless advocacy, and deep-rooted devotion to the ICS makes her the ideal leader for this mantle.

Again, it is with great admiration and the utmost respect that I submit this letter of support and endorsement for Empress Danielle Logan for the position of Queen Mother II of the Americas.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." – Maya Angelou

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josue Velasquez Higueros'.

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