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It is my honor to speak about someone I have come to know not only as a leader, but as a counterpart, mentor, and friend. As King Father I of the USA, I have had the privilege of serving alongside Empress Danielle Logan in her role as Queen Mother I of the USA, witnessing firsthand the dedication, wisdom, and unwavering commitment she brings to our community every single day.

Empress Danielle is a living piece of our history and a driving force behind our future. Her journey began in the 1980s when she became the first transgender person elected Empress in the state of Nebraska, breaking barriers and creating pathways for so many who would follow. At a time when visibility came with immense personal risk, Danielle chose courage. She chose service. She chose community.

Throughout her reign as Empress XXXIII of Hawai'i and the many leadership positions she has held across the International Court System, Danielle has remained steadfast in her commitment to uplifting others. Her nearly fourteen years of service on the International Court Council, including serving as Chair, First and Second Vice President, Chair of Trans+ Initiatives, Chair of the Trans+ Empowerment Committee, and member of the Court Relations Committee reflect not only her leadership abilities but her deep belief in the mission of our organization.

What I admire most about Danielle is that her advocacy extends far beyond titles and crowns. She has consistently used her voice to create meaningful change, whether through her work consulting with major corporations to develop inclusive policies for transgender and

nonbinary employees, serving on the California Lieutenant Governor's Transgender Advisory Council, or advocating tirelessly for equity, dignity, and representation for marginalized communities.

As someone who has shared leadership space with her, I have seen the countless hours she dedicates to mentoring emerging leaders, strengthening institutions, and ensuring that those who come after us inherit a stronger, more inclusive Court System. Danielle understands that leadership is not about recognition, it is about responsibility. She embodies that responsibility with grace, humility, and determination.

One of the things that makes Danielle especially unique is her connection to our roots. She remains one of the few active members of our movement who had the honor of personally knowing our beloved founder, José Sarria, our cherished Momma José. That connection to our history, combined with her vision for the future, makes her an invaluable leader during this pivotal moment in our community's journey.

Today, as transgender people and other marginalized communities continue to face unprecedented challenges across North America, we need leaders who possess not only experience, but courage, resilience, and an unshakable commitment to justice. Danielle Logan embodies all those qualities and more.

Having served beside her as her counterpart, I can say without hesitation that she has earned the respect, admiration, and trust of countless people across our organization and our broader community. I can think of no one better prepared to continue this work and to serve as Queen Mother II of The Americas. Her lifetime of service, advocacy, mentorship, and leadership has prepared her for this moment, and our community will be stronger because of it.

With gratitude for her service and confidence in her leadership,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eddie Broadway'. The signature is stylized with a large 'E' and a long, sweeping horizontal line at the end.

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