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Twelve Clans Announces the Election of Two Newly Appointed Directors

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] - Twelve Clans, the economic development corporation of the Ho-Chunk Nation, announces the outcomes of its recent Board of Directors election, conducted on December 2, 2023. This election marks a significant chapter in the company's leadership.

On December 2, Twelve Clans convened its annual shareholder meeting at Mystic Lake Casino Hotel in Prior Lake, Minnesota. Board of Directors elections are held biennially, and this year Joseph Brown Thunder of the Ho-Chunk Nation and Tanya Gibbs, JD of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians were up for election. Currently, Brown Thunder serves as the Chairman of Twelve Clans, while Gibbs holds the roles of Treasurer and Secretary.

The Corporate Board of Directors of Twelve Clans is a 5-person body responsible for overseeing the strategic direction, policies, and decision-making of the corporation. This year, two of the five seats were due for election.

Brown Thunder garnered 63 affirmative votes and 4 opposing votes, while Gibbs received 61 affirmatives and 6 opposing votes. Both secured a majority of in-person shareholder votes, securing a 4-year term.

Brown Thunder, a distinguished business development consultant and CEO of Buffalo Nickel Creative, assumed his role as Chairman in 2022 after being nominated to the board.

Gibbs, an expert in tribal economic business development and a partner at Rosette, LLP, joined Twelve Clans as a director in 2022 and swiftly assumed the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. "I am honored to have been elected to the Board of Directors here at Twelve Clans. I look forward to working collaboratively with my fellow board members to contribute to the company's success," expressed Gibbs.

The newly elected directors will play a pivotal role in guiding Twelve Clans through its strategic initiatives, ensuring the company's growth and success.

"I want to focus on the future and all the positive changes our new CEO and well-qualified board are already implementing with a commitment to openness, effective communication, and a well-defined strategy. This is a new starting point. I hope to have your trust and support as Twelve Clans begins building a brighter Ho-Chunk future," Brown Thunder remarked.

Twelve Clans expresses its gratitude to all shareholders who attended the annual meeting, contributing to the election of the duly appointed directors and making this significant step forward possible.

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