## **INTRODUCTION**

## MIKA LEONARD

My name is (Speaker's Full Name). I am (leadership position), and it's my pleasure to welcome you. This program is sponsored by (list organization sponsors).

Mika Leonard is an enrolled member of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma (Myaamia). Born to a Japanese mother and Myaamia father in Oxford, Ohio, the ancestral homelands of her tribe, Mika has always been aware of her multicultural identity. After receiving a degree in Linguistics from Miami University of Ohio, Mika began her career working as a federal employee for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Since then, she has devoted the majority of her professional life to working for, with, and in support of Tribal nations. She proudly now holds the position of Vice President of Operations at the Miami Nation Enterprises, the economic arm of her member Tribe, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma.

Please welcome Mika Leonard

