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Shelby Chestnut (Assiniboine) is the executive director of Transgender Law Center, the largest national trans-led organization advocating for a world in which all people are free to define themselves and their futures. Chestnut has over 20 years of community organizing, policy advocacy, and leadership experience in the LGBTQ and anti-violence movements. They previously served for five years as TLC's Director of Policy and Programs. Chestnut has spearheaded leadership development and social change within and for Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities throughout their career. Chestnut has served on steering committees and coalitions working on the passage and implementation of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and landmark New York City police reform legislation, the Right to Know Act (RTKA). They are a graduate of Antioch College and currently the chair of the Board of Trustees. Chestnut is the first Native trans executive director of TLC and one of the first Native trans leaders to head a national LGBT organization.