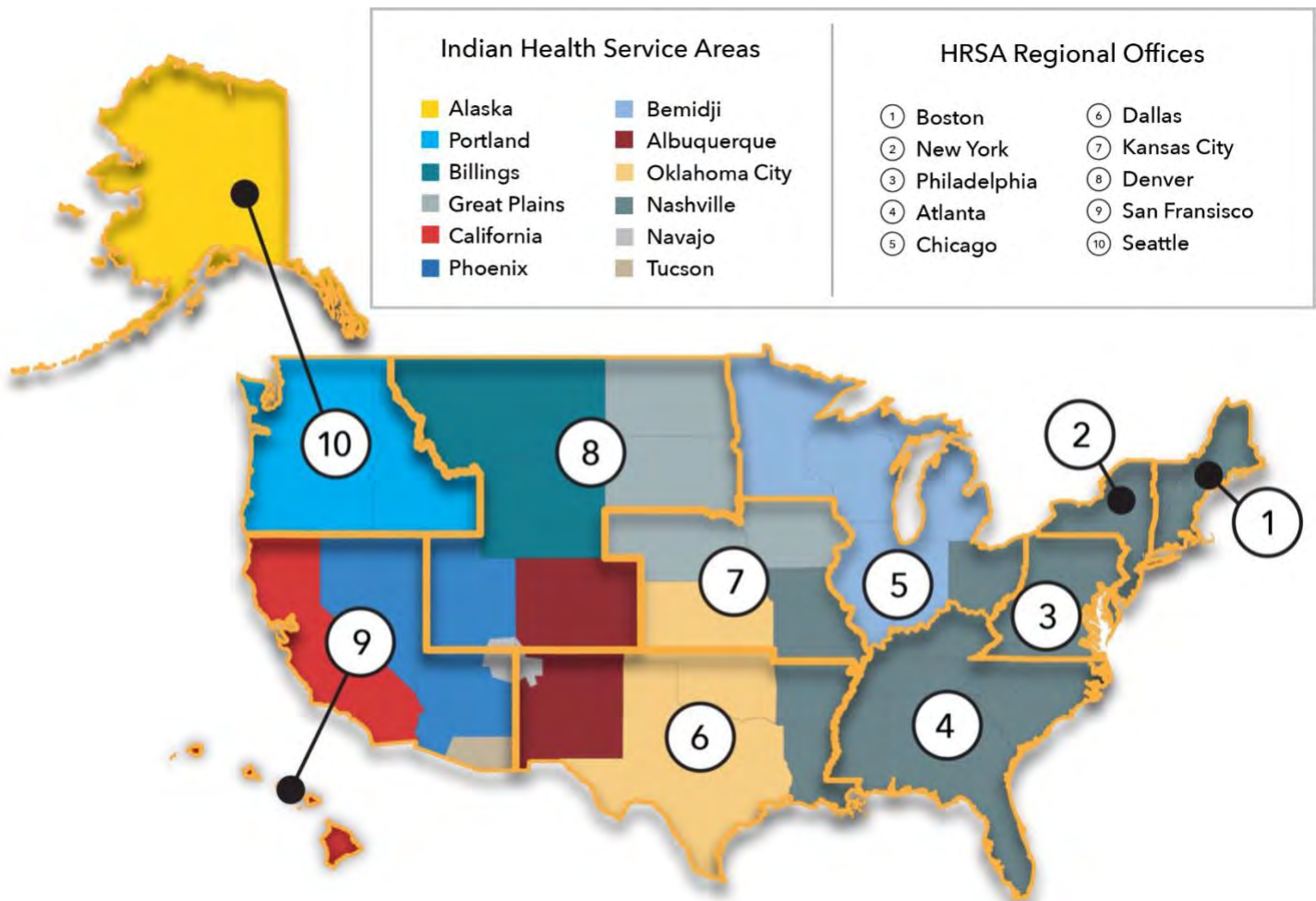


Tribal Advisory Council Delegate Biographies



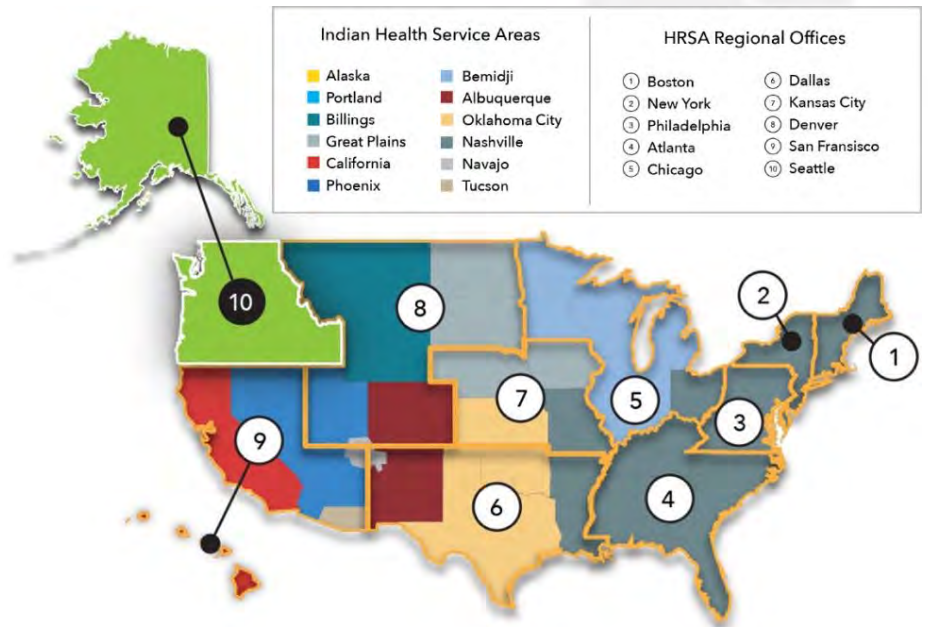


Jessica Mata Rukovishnikoff

Aleutian Pribilof Islands
Association, Inc.

Aleut Community of
St. Paul Island

Alaska Area Delegate

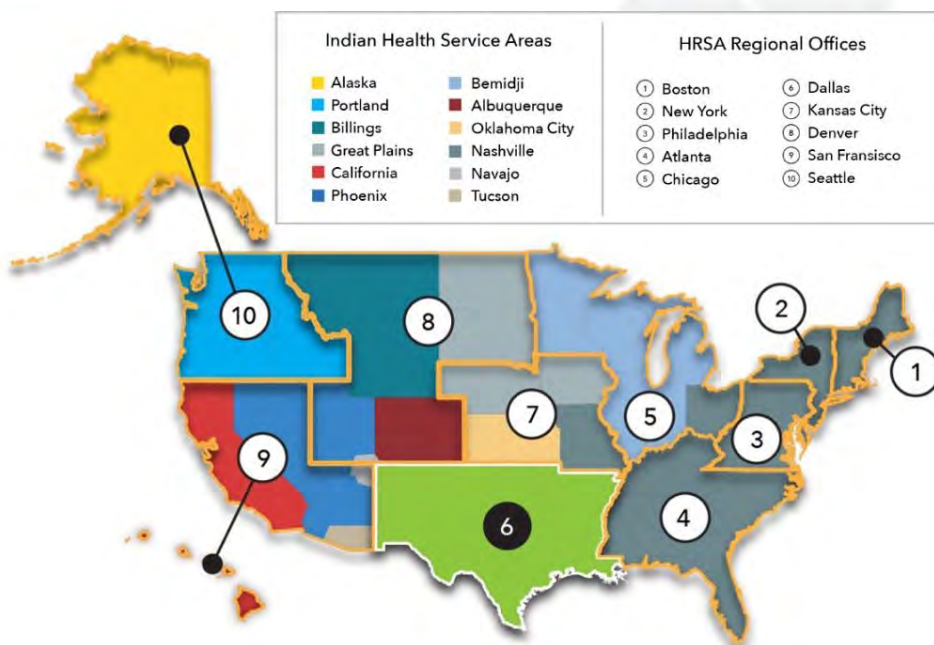


Jessica Mata Rukovishnikoff (Aleut Community of St. Paul Island) has extensive leadership experience in the health care field. Currently, she serves as the primary care director for the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc. She also chairs the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Anchorage Service Unit's Tribal Health Committee, in addition to contributing her expertise to six other advisory committees and health boards pertaining to public health. Ms. Mata Rukovishnikoff holds master's degrees in project management and business administration, as well as a certification in executive health care management.



Selwyn Whiteskunk

Tribal Council Member
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe



Albuquerque Area Delegate

Selwyn Whiteskunk is a member of Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and a veteran of the U.S. Army. Mr. Whiteskunk has extensive experience in tribal governmental functions, from local to federal issues. He became the vice chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Tribal Council in 2019, having previously served as a council member, treasurer, and chairman.

Mr. Whiteskunk advocates on behalf of Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in many affairs, such as for natural resources, health care, economic development, education, and American Indian issues, through the various committees he serves and his past work experience. He has served on the board of directors for Utah Indian Health Advisory Board (board chairman), Albuquerque Indian Health Board, Native American Bank, Native American Finance Officers Association, National Indian Education Association, and the 10 River Tribes Consortium. He was also a member of the National Indian Health Board, Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, Colorado Behavioral Health Task Force, and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention Tribal Advisory Council.

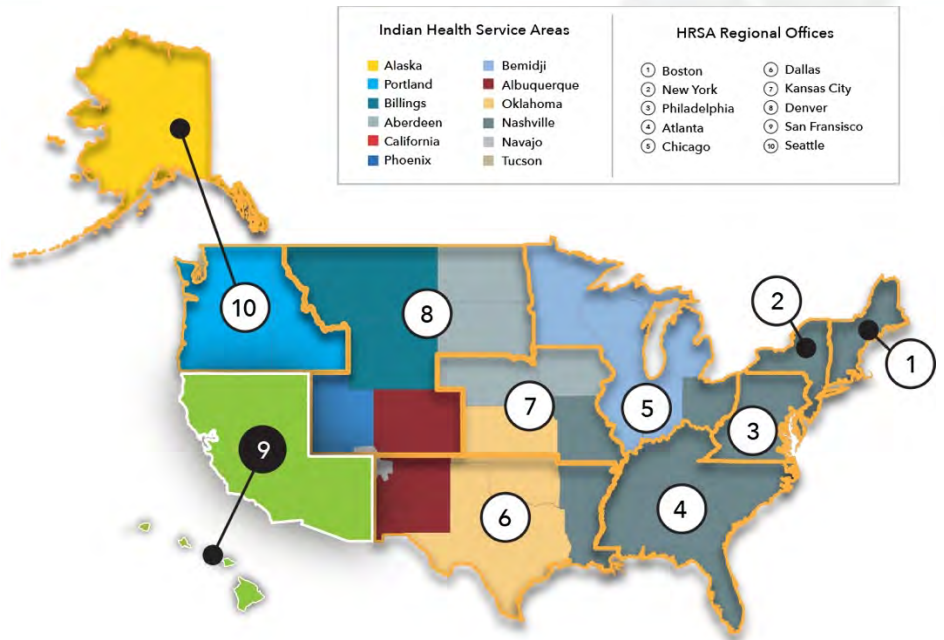
He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management from Ft. Lewis College and is working toward his Masters in Public Health from the University of Utah. He also attended the Tribal Energy Management seminar series from San Juan College.



Joseph Mirelez

Vice Chairman

Torres Martinez Desert
Cahuilla Indians



California Area Delegate

Joseph DL Mirelez has been a pillar of the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians community, serving on the Tribal Council for over 15 years with unwavering dedication and leadership. As the current Vice Chairman, Joseph brings a wealth of experience, insight, and a deep commitment to the advancement and well-being of the tribal community. His extensive tenure on the Tribal Council has been marked by significant contributions to governance, community health, and development initiatives, reflecting his deep-rooted dedication to his community and its future.

Prior to his current role, his journey through various positions of leadership, including Treasurer at the Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health Inc., Board Secretary for the All Mission Indian Housing Authority, Board Alternate for the California Indian Manpower Consortium, and Delegate for the Indian Health Southern Region California Tribal Advisory Committee, showcases a multifaceted career dedicated to serving Native American communities across Southern California. Through these roles, Joseph has been instrumental in fostering collaboration, managing financial strategies, advocating for affordable housing, championing employment and training programs, and enhancing health services for Indigenous peoples.

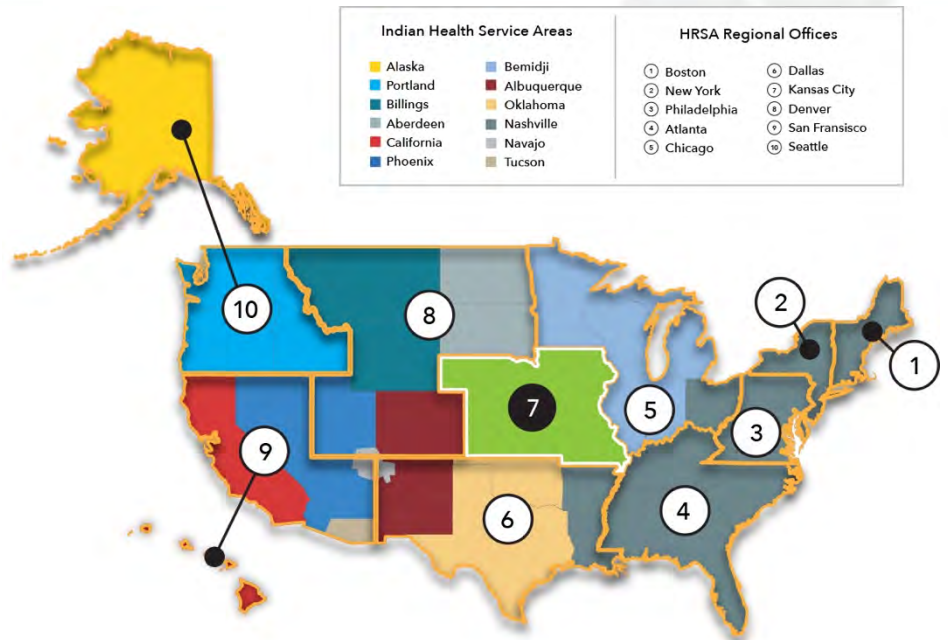
Outside of his professional commitments, He deeply values cultural heritage and community engagement. He is adept in traditional arts and crafts, finds joy in sewing, and is passionate about cooking for community gatherings, which serves as a testament to his belief in the power of unity and shared heritage. His dedication extends to mentoring youth, where he empowers and inspires the next generation with guidance, support, and a deep sense of cultural identity.

His long-standing service on the Tribal Council, combined with his personal interests in cultural preservation and community service, underscores his holistic approach to leadership. His efforts not only contribute to the immediate needs of his community but also lay the foundation for enduring prosperity and cultural continuity.



Lonna J. Street

Chairwoman
Spirit Lake Nation



Great Plains Delegate

Lonna J. Street currently serves as the Tribal Chairwoman for the Spirit Lake Tribe, Fort Totten, ND, she was elected in May of 2023, and has since served in this capacity.

Chairwoman Street received an associate degree from Cankdeska Cikana Community College, and a Bachelor of Arts from University of North Dakota. She has eight years of tribal leadership experience in her previous role as Secretary Treasurer of the Spirit Lake Tribe.

Also, serving her community on various boards including the Advisory Board for the Spirit Lake Tiwahe Program; Tribal Health Board Representative for the Mission District; Board of Directors at United Tribes Technical College; the Devils Lake Outlet Management Advisory Committee; and most recently, appointed to the Health Resources and Services Administration Tribal Advisory Council (TAC) representing the Great Plains service area.

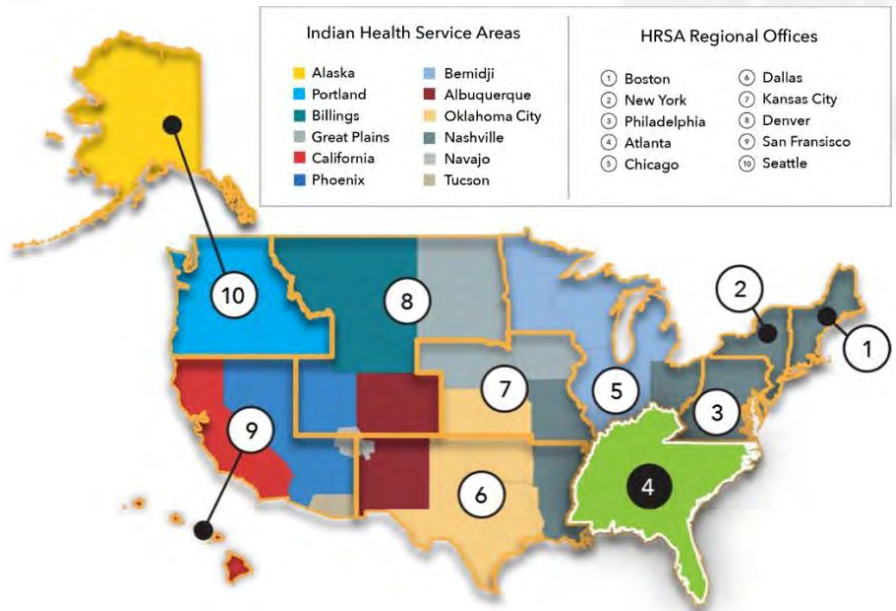


**Cyrus
Ben**

Chief

Mississippi Band of
Choctaw Indians

Nashville Area Delegate



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, is the fifth democratically elected Tribal Chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, a federally-recognized tribe of over 11,100 members living on or near 35,000 acres of tribal lands in east central Mississippi. Currently, serving his second term as Tribal Chief, Chief Ben has a 14-year record of public service to the Choctaw tribal government and tribal business leadership, including eight years as Pearl River community's representative on the Tribal Council prior to being elected as Tribal Chief in July 2019. He served four years as the Tribe's Secretary- Treasurer and three years as the President of Choctaw-Ikhana, a tribally chartered corporation.

A graduate of Mississippi College, Chief Ben earned his bachelor's degree in marketing and management in 2001. He earned an associate degree in business from East Central Community College in 1998. Tribal Chief Ben was presented the 2022 Order of the Golden Arrow Award which honors Mississippi College graduates who have accomplished outstanding personal and/or professional achievements during their lifetime. Tribal Chief Ben was also selected as the 2023 Alumnus of the Year at East Central Community College.

Chief Ben has also been recognized in Indian Country as an emerging young leader. In 2009, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development named Chief Ben to the "Native American 40 Under 40" class. Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves appointed Chief Ben to the prestigious Mississippi Flag Commission, which oversaw the design and selection of the new state flag. Chief Ben actively serves on the board of directors for the United South and Eastern Tribes organization, in addition to holding board membership for the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service. He also serves in a combined capacity as the Indian Health Services, Nashville Area Delegate, and Region IV Delegate on the Health Resources and Services Administration Tribal Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health, Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Tribal Advisory Committee.

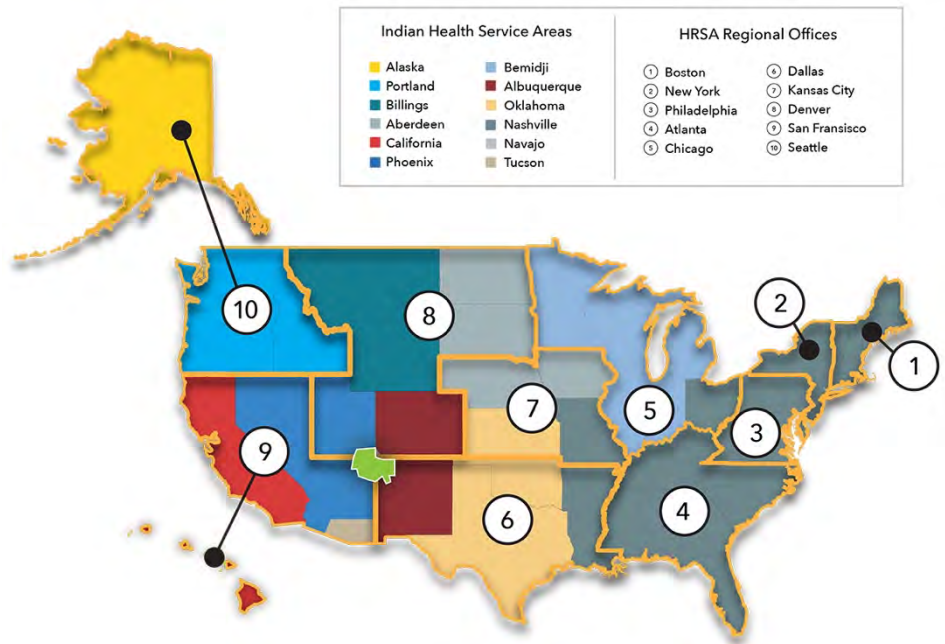
Chief Ben is a life-long resident of the Pearl River community, where he resides with his wife TaRita and their children, Brodie, Eden and Selah.



Buu Nygren

President

Navajo Nation



Navajo Area Delegate

Elected the youngest Navajo Nation President in history at the age of 35, Dr. Buu Nygren is a carpenter, construction manager, and father. After serving Navajo communities throughout the pandemic, the President committed himself to securing the basic necessities for every Navajo home: water, power, and reliable roads. His focus on combating poverty is a guiding principle for the Navajo Nation Executive Branch.

Prior to announcing his candidacy, Dr. Nygren was the Chief Commercial Officer for the Navajo Engineering and Construction Authority (NECA), a quasi-independent tribal enterprise headquartered in Shiprock, New Mexico. His tenure at NECA began in 2019.

In 2018, President Nygren was selected as the vice-presidential running mate for the Shirley-Nygren ticket in the Navajo Nation General Election. The prior eight years, from 2010 to 2018, the President was a national operations trainer and project manager at a multi-billion dollar construction company that built schools, senior living homes, and public safety facilities from Nevada to Florida.

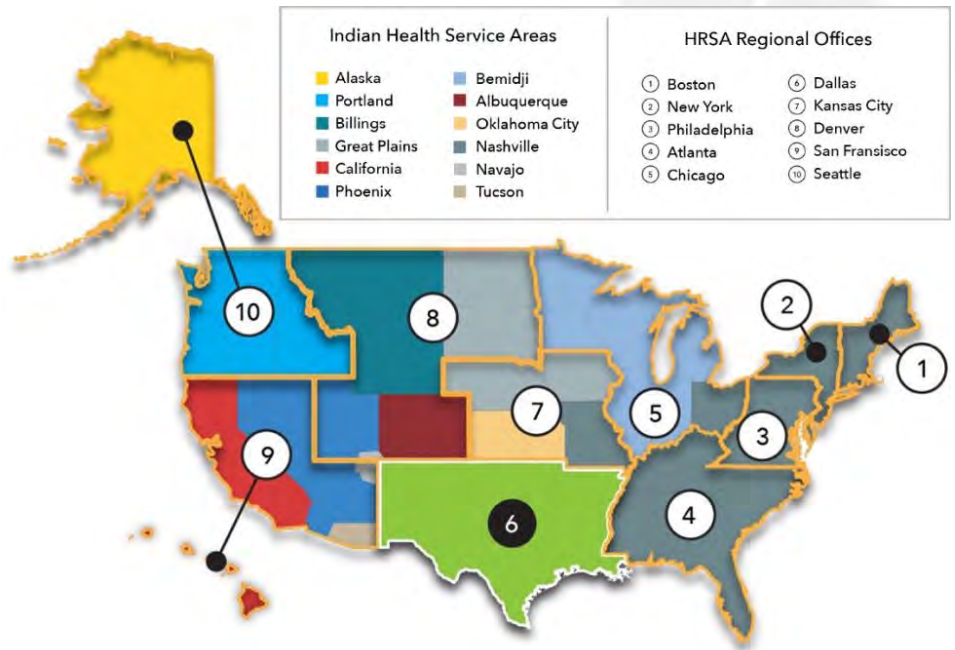
A graduate of Red Mesa High School, the President obtained his Bachelor of Science in Construction Management from Arizona State University in 2012. He then pursued a Masters of Business Administration from Arizona State University and completed his Doctorate of Education in Organizational Change and Leadership from the University of Southern California in 2021.

Last year, the President was recognized as one of the Top 40 Native American Leaders Under 40 by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED). Dr. Nygren is married to former Arizona State Representative Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren, and together have two daughters. Both proudly reside in Red Mesa, Arizona, about 35 miles from the Four Corners National Monument and 80 miles from Monument Valley, Utah.



Chuck Hoskin Jr.

Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation



Oklahoma City Area Delegate

Chuck Hoskin Jr. serves as the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, the largest tribe in the United States with more than 460,000 citizens. Prior to being elected in 2019 and re-elected in 2023, he was Cherokee Nation's Secretary of State and also served as a member and Deputy Speaker of the Council of the Cherokee Nation.

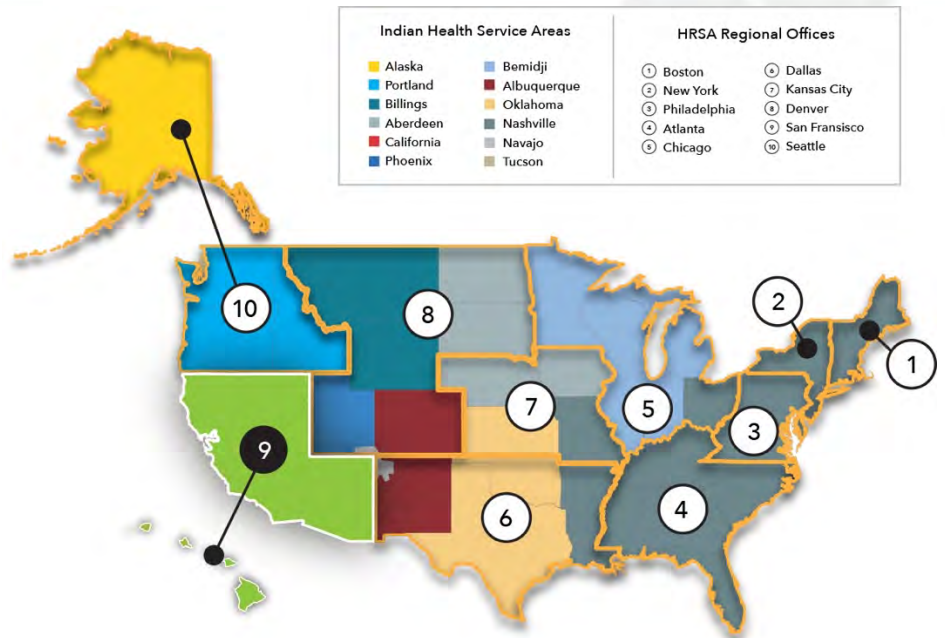
As Principal Chief, he increased minimum wage at Cherokee Nation and Cherokee Nation Businesses and secured the largest investment in Cherokee language revitalization in the tribe's history. He appointed the tribe's first delegate to the U.S. Congress. He prioritized health and wellness initiatives, including record investments in behavioral health and addiction treatment. Chief Hoskin has also expanded tribal workforce training programs, sustainable housing, protections for natural resources, and educational opportunities for Cherokees of all ages. He, along with First Lady January Hoskin, has elevated the voices of women and children, and their safety, within the Cherokee Nation Reservation.



Steve Titla

San Carlos Apache
Healthcare Corporation
San Carlos Apache Tribe

Phoenix/Arizona Area Delegate



Steve Titla is the Board Chairman for the San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corporation in Peridot, Arizona. He is also a founding partner of Titla & Parsi, PLLC, where he manages the Globe, Arizona office. Steve is an enrolled member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe. He and his wife reside on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation.

Steve has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Arizona State University (1980 – Dean’s List), a Juris Doctorate from Arizona State University Law School (1983), and a Master’s in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Phoenix (2007). Steve has Honorable Discharged from both the United States Marine Corps (1976) and the Arizona National Guard (1980).

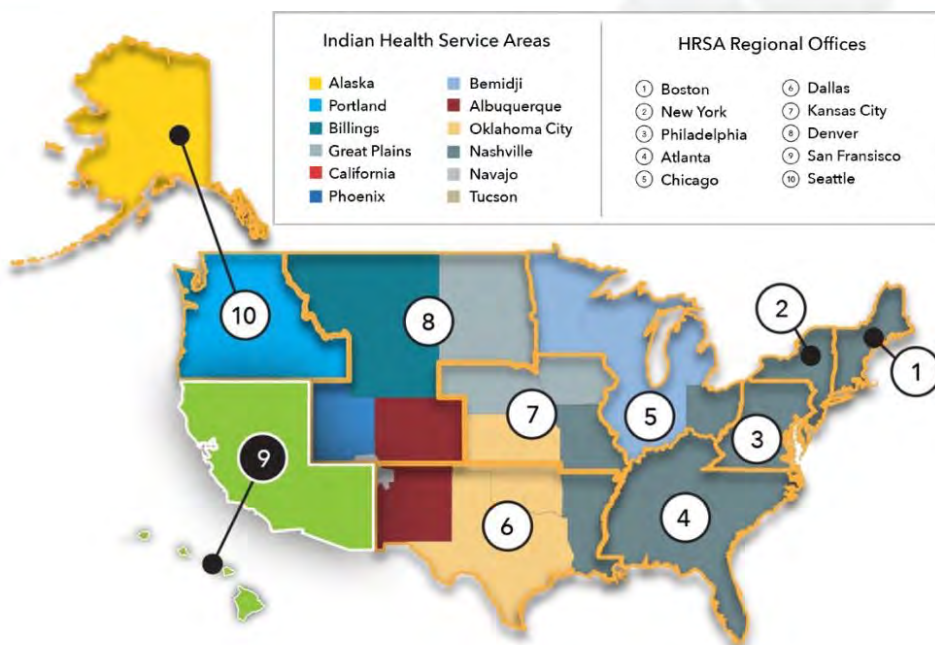
Steve has practiced law for over 25 years and has expertise in a wide array of disciplines, including specialized expertise in all facets of Federal Indian Law, including Indian Gaming and Water Rights. Steve has filed amicus briefs on Tribal issues before the U.S. Supreme Court and practiced in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the state courts of Arizona, California, New Jersey, Wisconsin and New Mexico, and Tribal courts of the Navajo Nation, San Carlos Apache Tribe and White Mountain Apache. Steve has served as a pro-tem judge in the Tohono O’odham Tribal Court, Tohono O’odham Court of Appeals and White Mountain Apache Tribal Court.

Steve enjoys camping in the mountains of the San Carlos Apache reservation where he can fish and hunt. He is also a member of the San Carlos Apache Cattlemen’s Association.



Leander V. Mase

Legislative Representative
Tohono O'odham Nation



Tucson Area Delegate

Leander V. Mase is a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation and is currently a Legislative Representative for the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council representing the District of Baboquivari. Representative Mase is a retired law enforcement officer and served as a police officer for the Tohono O'odham Police Department for seven years and twenty-seven years as a special agent working with the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations, stationed on the Tohono O'odham Nation and Washington D.C. Representative Mase currently chairs the Domestic Affairs Committee and sits on the Health and Human Service and Rules Committees as a committee member.