



Cruz "Tony" Maldonado

Candidate for Kaw Nation Chairman

Dear Honorable Kaw Nation Citizen,

My name is Cruz "Tony" Maldonado and I am running for Kaw Nation Chairman and I would be honored to have your vote on May 22, 2016 for Kaw Nation Chairman. My grandfather was Levi Alexander Chouteau, one of the last full-blooded Kaw members of the Kaw Nation.

Currently, I am self-employed as owner/CEO of First Choice Home Medical of Oklahoma City. First Choice is a provider of medical equipment as well as prosthetics/orthotics. I am also owner/CEO of the Geary Community Nursing Home which is a skilled nursing and long-term care facility contracted with IHS serving Native Americans. I have been a preferred vendor for the Chickasaw Nation since 2008.

In 2002 I was elected as the first Native American to serve on the El Reno City Council where I was elected for two terms. I served four years on the El Reno Airport Authority and served as Chairman of the El Reno Recreational Authority for four years. During the time as Chairman, we went from being subsidized to being profitable in six months, remaining profitable to this day.

I have served for several non-profit organizations in my past and remain doing so to this day.

- Russel-Murray Hospice advisory Board for 10 years and counting
 - President of the United Way Canadian County for 1 year
 - United Way Canadian County for 3 years
 - Mercy Home Health Advisory Board for 8 years
 - Leadership Canadian County Participant for 1 year
- Co-Coordinator for Leadership Canadian County for 1 year
 - SBA Emerging Leader Class participant in 2016

As Chairman I believe my current and past business experience will serve the Nation very well. I understand how to run and grow a profitable business. I know and understand city, state, federal and tribal government. As Chairman I would first assess where we as a nation currently stand. From there I would develop a plan to restore all services and bring leadership together to develop a masterplan to grow our assets to be more financially independent. I would also implement good business practices and financial transparency so I could clearly communicate the status of the Nation to the general council.

I would truly appreciate your vote on May 22, 2016 and would be honored to serve all members of the Kaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Cruz A. Maldonado