

**Biography of
Tex “Red Tipped Arrow” Hall
“Ihbudah Hishi”**

Tex G. Hall (“Ihbudah Hishi”) “Red Tipped Arrow” was born 18 September 1956. He is an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation. In November 2010, Chairman Hall was elected to a historic third term as Chairman of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation. Hall is the longest serving Chairman of the Tribe; he was previously elected twice in 1998 - 2002 and 2002 - 2006. In 2001, he ran for President of the National Congress of American Indians and won. He served two terms from 2001-2003 and 2003-2005. He currently serves as Chairman of the Inter-Tribal Economic Alliance, President of the Native American Homes and Development, President and CEO of Maheshu Energy, and President of the Native American Basketball Invitational Foundation. He is a founding member and Chairman of the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT) representing tribes with large land bases.

Tex grew up on his family’s ranch in Mandaree, North Dakota where he still lives and ranches. He earned his Bachelor’s degree in education from the University of Mary, Bismarck, ND and his Masters in Education Administration from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. He was named North Dakota Indian Educator of the Year, and has been the recipient of the University of Mary Leadership Award, the 2009 National Native Small Business of the Year Award and induction into the North Dakota Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.

Under his leadership, the 4-Bears Casino added a 122-room expansion to their Lodge. Again, under his leadership, the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation in July 2012 received the go-ahead from EPA to build the first oil refinery in the lower 48 States in 41 years. The refinery is a clean fuels refinery and will refine and transport oil and gas from the Reservation to the Enbridge pipeline. Today, as a result of his activities, there are 550 producing oil wells and an unprecedented development of the MHA Nation’s oil and gas reserves. The MHA Nation is the number one producer of oil and gas in Indian Country.

In 1999, Chairman Hall was one of the founding members of the Native American Bank and initiated the Keepseagle Class Action Law Suit that brought a historic settlement of \$760 million for Native American Farmers and Ranchers. He was the architect of the Picket by Native American Farmers and Ranchers at the White House to bring attention to their concerns.

In December 2010, Hall was named to the first tribal advisory committee ever established in the history of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to recommend and advise the Secretary of HHS. Then In January 2011 he was elected Chairman of the Great Plains Region Tribal Chairmen’s Association, which is composed of 16 tribal nations. He was spokesperson for the Great Plains Tribes at President Obama’s December 2010 White House meeting.

A year later in 2011, Chairman Hall was appointed by Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan to serve and Co-Chair the National Indian Education Task Force and to the National Indian Trust Commission.

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