

**CV/Bio of John Yellow Bird Steele
President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe
and Chairman of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association**

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President John Yellow Bird Steele is the current President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. President Steele has served in this capacity on six other occasions since his first election as tribal president in 1992. He has also served two terms as tribal vice president and been active throughout the community. President Steele is a graduate of Marquette University and is a Vietnam War veteran. He has testified before the United States Congress on numerous occasions, and has been a strong advocate for the protection of tribal sovereignty and tribal communities.