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Biography
of
Edward D. Manuel

Edward D. Manuel is an enrolled member of the Tohono O'odham Nation from the Pisinemo Community, Pisinemo District. He was elected as Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation in May 2015 to a four year term.

Mr. Manuel joined the Marine Corps in 1969 where he served two years receiving an honorable discharge in 1971. Mr. Manuel was employed by the Lakeshore Mine from 1972 to 1981. He resigned from the mine and started his political career in a span of 18 years. In 1981 he was elected as Pisinemo District Vice Chairman for two years, two years as Pisinemo District Chairman and four years as Legislative Council Representative for the Pisinemo District to the Tohono O'odham Nation. In 1995 Mr. Manuel was elected Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation and served two consecutive four year terms. In 2003 he took a short retirement from the political arena then in 2009 he was elected to the Legislative Council representing the Pisinemo District serving a total of six years, he was also elected as Vice Chairman of the Legislative Council.

Many initiatives were accomplished for the Tohono O'odham Nation during his eight year tenure 1995 to 2004, he was instrumental in negotiating water rights, business grants and economic development, five recreation centers, information and technology, San Simon Westside Clinic, Nursing Home, Tohono O'odham Community College, implementation of a Scholarship program for nations members, establishment of the Culture & Museum, obtaining approval from the FCC for KOHN Radio Station, 401k for nations members.

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