Victor Joseph Chief/Chairman Tanana Chiefs Conference

Victor Joseph is a tribal member of the Native Village of Tanana. He is the grandson of the late Virginia and Chuck Newby and the late Benjamin Joseph. He is the son of the late Kitty Smith and Joseph Burns. Victor is the proud parent of six children and the grandfather of 12 grandchildren. Victor and his better half, Doreen Deaton, have been together for 10 years.

Victor has worked for TCC for over 20 years. In March 2017, he was elected to serve a second three year term as TCC Chief/Chairman. To this role, Victor brings extensive experience building strong working relationships with tribal leaders, colleagues, staff, funding agencies and corporate beneficiaries.

Prior to being elected Chief, Victor worked as the TCC Health Director for seven years. As Health Director, Victor worked closely with tribes, administration and staff to rebuild health services ensuring continued and expanded quality health care systems in the Interior. His leadership was instrumental in the completion of the Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center, the energy-efficient clinic in Ruby, and the acquisition of funding needed to build new clinics in Kaltag, Chalkyitsik, Eagle and Tok. Under his leadership TCC increased Health Services revenue from 48 million in 2009 to 105 million in 2014 by expanding third party revenue and advocating for increased IHS and other state and federal funding.

Before that, Victor held several management-level positions including 13 years as the Old Minto Program Director and two years as the Cook Inlet Recovery Service Director where he provided oversight of the Recovery Services programs and its clinical directors.

Victor's consistent record of high performance and dedication to making an impact at the village level is reflected in his numerous awards: TCC Employee of the year in 1998 and 2012, NIHB National Impact Award in 2013, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Community Health Leader in 2001. Victor's entire career has been driven by a strong belief that healthy people will lead to empowered people. Above all, he is motivated by his love and efforts for his people.