

Janet Alkire
Chairwoman

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**STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE
TESTIMONY ON FISCAL YEAR 2026 APPROPRIATIONS
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES
FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

Biography of Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Chairwoman Janet Alkire

Chairwoman Janet Alkire was born in Fort Yates on April 1, 1962 to Basil and Helen (Crow Ghost) Alkire and was raised on a small ranch just south of Fort Yates in the Long Soldier District. Her name, Winyan Wagatia (wee-yuh wuh-gah-tia), “Woman with High Values” belonged to her Grandmother. She is the Great-Great Grand-daughter of Chief Rain in the Face and an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (Lakota/Hukpapa).

She graduated high school from the Standing Rock Community High School, earned a degree at Sitting Bull College, and a Bachelor’s in Public Administration at the University of North Dakota. Janet also served in the United States Air Force for 15 years where she retired as a Staff Sergeant, with her last duty station being the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Janet served as the Executive Director for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe twice; travelled around the world; worked for Senator Dan Coats and Senator Heidi Heitkamp; worked as a claims coordinator for the Keepseagle Class Action Lawsuit; and worked as a legislative liaison for the Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation.

Janet was the first woman ever to be elected by the people as Chairwoman for the Tribe in 2021. Previous women held one-year terms appointed by the BIA over 70 years ago. She is driven to provide a medical campus, law enforcement center, increased law enforcement presence, food sovereignty program, climate resiliency program, reservation-wide security programs in each of the eight districts, tourism program, and increased housing projects across the reservation.

Janet is honored to serve in the position as Chairwoman for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Her focused values during her administration are those of Truth and Compassion and hopes that the people of Standing Rock will be satisfied with the work she accomplishes during her administration.