

GOVERNOR STEPHEN ROE LEWIS
GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
BIOGRAPHY

Stephen Roe Lewis is serving in his fourth term as Governor of the Gila River Indian Community. Prior to this position, he served as Lt. Governor, as a member of the Board of Directors for the Gila River Healthcare Corporation, Gaming Commissioner for the Gila River Gaming Commission, and a member of the Board for the Gila River Telecommunications, Inc.

Governor Lewis currently oversees the implementation of the Community's Water Settlement of 2004 (at that time the largest water settlement of its kind in United States history). During his tenure as Governor Lewis has brought innovative solutions to long-standing issues such as the Management Aquifer Recharge sites which brings together the need for access to water while restoring the return of the Community's riparian area. Governor Lewis also oversaw the development of the Solar-Over-Canal project, the first of its kind in the Western Hemisphere.

Governor Lewis oversaw the construction of two new schools and a police department utilizing an innovative new approach to the Indian Self -Determination and Education Assistance Act and has also prioritized the Community's Veterans leading to the Community accreditation as a Veterans Service Organization, only the second to receive such accreditation in Indian Country.

Governor Lewis graduated from Arizona State University and pursued graduate studies at John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He serves as President of the ASU American Indian Policy Institute Board of Directors, on the Board of the Indian Gaming Association, and on the Board of Trustees for the Heard Museum.

