

Governor James Naranjo Biography

James Naranjo is the Governor of Santa Clara Pueblo, a federally-recognized Tribe in Northern New Mexico. He previously served seven terms as Lt. Governor and four terms as a Tribal Councilmember for the Pueblo. Governor Naranjo is a retired law enforcement officer who dedicated more than twenty years to protecting and serving the people of New Mexico. As part of his work, he completed the citizens' academy for both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Agency. He has served as a sergeant with the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department, an officer with the City of Santa Fe, and a guard at the Santa Fe County Adult Corrections Facility. He has also served as an assistant Sergeant-at-Arms for the New Mexico State Legislature. Governor Naranjo has been a member of the Santa Clara Pueblo Gaming Commission and the Santa Clara Pueblo Tax Commission. He is a father, grandfather and longtime baseball, football, and basketball coach. Governor Naranjo is a former member of the Silver Bullet Productions board of directors and the University of New Mexico Cancer board.