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## STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE TESTIMONY ON FY 2027 APPROPRIATIONS

### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES MARCH 18, 2026

#### BIOGRAPHY OF CHAIRMAN STEVE SITTING BEAR



Chairman Steve Sitting Bear ~ *Mahto Iyotake* ~ is the newly elected Chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. A veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a graduate of the University of North Dakota, Chairman Sitting Bear earned degrees in Criminal Justice and Sociology. Originally from Cannonball, North Dakota, he now lives in Long Soldier, North Dakota, where he and his wife, Breanne have raised their seven children.

Chairman Sitting Bear has spent much of his career working to strengthen tribal communities through leadership at both the tribal and state levels. He previously served as External Affairs Director for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, where he worked on issues including water rights, education, housing, and economic development. Before that, he was the Deputy Director of the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission, acting as a liaison between the Governor's office and the five Native nations in North Dakota. In this role, he worked on mediation between tribal governments and state agencies, focusing on issues such as employment, economic development, and self-determination.

In addition to his public service, Chairman Sitting Bear is a community builder and nonprofit leader. He is one of the founders of WOZU, a Standing Rock based nonprofit focused on land stewardship, cultural restoration, and youth programming. Steve has helped establish other nonprofit initiatives on Standing Rock focused on economic development and community wellbeing. An avid hunter, he also works with local youth to promote ethical, safe hunting and to pass on outdoor traditions rooted in respect for the land.