

Bill Anoatubby has served as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation since 1987.

He has been active in tribal government since 1975. His previous positions include director of tribal health services, director of finance, special assistant to the governor, controller, and he was the tribe's first lieutenant governor.

In his first term, Governor Anoatubby established goals of sustainable economic development and self-determination for the Chickasaw Nation and boundless opportunities for its people. Today, the Chickasaw Nation is well on its way to achieving those goals.

In 1987, the tribe had approximately 250 employees. Today, the Chickasaw Nation employs more than 14,500 people. The financial condition of the tribe has improved tremendously. Funding for tribal operations has increased exponentially, and tribal assets have grown five-hundredfold.

In its pursuit of self-determination and self-governance, the Chickasaw Nation operates more than 100 diversified businesses and invests much of its profit into funding nearly 400 programs and services. These programs cover education, healthcare, youth, aging, housing and more, all of which directly benefit Chickasaw families, Oklahomans and their communities.

Under Governor Anoatubby's direction, the Chickasaw Nation places a strong emphasis on preserving and sharing its heritage, history, language and culture. This commitment can be seen in the various artistically and culturally centered programs, language services and the world-renowned Chickasaw Cultural Center.

A key component of Governor Anoatubby's leadership is the importance of working together for the common good of the community. Today, collaboration and partnership play integral parts in the Chickasaw Nation's efforts. The tribe regularly works with likeminded governments, municipalities, agencies, organizations and businesses that share a vision of progress for the communities within the Chickasaw Nation and beyond.