



Cheryl Andrews-Maltais is the Chairwoman of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah. The Tribe is located on the Island of Martha's Vineyard off the coast of Massachusetts. They are known as The People of The First Light. The Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribe has been Federally Recognized for over 30 years. As Tribal Chairwoman, Mrs Maltais also serves on the Board of Directors of the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET), the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee as the Delegate for the Eastern Region, the Indian Health Service Office of Self Governance Advisory Committee as the Alternate Delegate for the Eastern Region, and the Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) as the Delegate for the Eastern Region. She also serves on the Center for Disease Control Tribal Advisory Committee (CDC-TAC), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration Tribal Advisory Committee (SAMHSA-TAC) and the Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (HHS-STAC). She also serves on the Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal Cultural and Historic Commission and is the Chairwoman of the Aquinnah Wampanoag Gaming Corporation (AWGC).

Before being re-elected as the Chairwoman, Mrs Maltais completed a Presidential appointment in Washington DC for the Obama Administration as the first Tribal Leader to become a Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs. Her professional experience combined with her comprehensive tribal government knowledge and experience provided the expertise necessary to manage a diverse portfolio of issues; from federal recognition, to tribal self-governance, to historic preservation and Sacred Sites' protections, to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) regulations, to tribal consultations, to domestic and international issues on women's rights and protections, to international repatriation. Mrs. Maltais has served as the Tribal Chairwoman for eight (8) years. She and her husband Daniel Maltais have been happily married for 26 years and together they have a daughter Samantha Maltais who is currently serving in the United States Peace Corps in the island Kingdom of Tonga.