

## **The Honorable Peter S. Yucupicio Chairman Pascua Yaqui Tribe**

Peter S. Yucupicio currently serves as the Chairman of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe is a federally recognized tribe with a reservation southwest of Tucson, Arizona, recognized pursuant to the Act of September 18, 1978, P.L. 95-375 (92 Stat. 712). The Tribe is an historic tribe with a small, 2,216-acre Reservation established for the use and benefit of the tribe's 22,000 members.

Chairman Yucupicio started his career in Politics in 2000 when he first ran for Tribal Council. Since 2000, Yucupicio has served as Treasurer, Vice Chairman, and four terms as Chairman of the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council.

Chairman Yucupicio is one of twelve children; he was born to Pedro and Ignacia Yucupicio. He attended Ritchie Elementary school, John Springs Middle School, and Tucson High School. He later continued his education at Pima Community College. He is married to Donna Yucupicio and they have four children; Laura, Nadia, Peter, and Cruz.

One of his greatest accomplishments includes the entertainment that he shares with the Tucson Community and his passion for music. Musically talented, his family's band, Los Hermanos Cuarto, are archived in the Smithsonian Museum. The band later went on to win the 1990 Norteño Festival.

Chairman Yucupicio has spent his life serving the Pascua Yaqui Cultural Societies. He has served in many different cultural roles for his community in Old Pascua at San Ignacio Church. Chairman Yucupicio is not only an active participant, but also a mentor and supporter of the tribe's ceremonial participants.

Chairman Yucupicio has a strong talent for creating and building relationships with all surrounding jurisdictions, tribes, political leaders in Arizona, and at our Nation's Capital in Washington, D.C. He accredits his accomplishments to our Yaqui people, "if it wasn't for them, we would not be where we are today."