



**Cheryle A. Kennedy  
Tribal Council Chairwoman  
The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde**

My name is Cheryle Ann (Allen) Kennedy.

I was born in the springtime on April 3rd prior to Termination. I come from a family of weavers, beaders, carvers, gatherers, fishermen and hunters.

I have served on our Tribal Council for more than 20 years and have served as the Tribe's Chairwoman for more than 10.

Prior to my elected official capacity:

I had a 30-year career as a Health Administrator working with Tribes (including serving as our Tribal Health Director for nearly 15 years);

I also served as the Executive Director of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board;

Selected by the Potlatch Fund to receive the Fran James Cultural Preservation Award at the Honoring Awards Gala in 2009;

During my health career I was awarded:

Health Administrator of Year by the Department of Public Health, Indian Health Services;

Outstanding Leader in Health Care by the Oregon Department of Health;

Recognized for the contributions to elevating the health status of Indian people by the National Indian Health Board.

My interests are many. I love sports and have served as a coach for women/co-ed softball and coached girls/women's basketball. I make regalia and Native American jewelry as well as other beadwork. I'm a believer in art, and I love our culture and want it to be revitalized to the fullest extent.

I am college educated and encourage all who want to further their education to vigorously pursue that endeavor. I believe in dreaming big, developing new ideas and bringing the future to us. My dream for our Tribe is to have healthy, happy, strong members.

Cheryle A. Kennedy, Chairwoman