

Chairwoman Janet Alkire Biography

Chairwoman Janet Alkire was born in Ft Yates, April 1, 1962 to Basil and Helen (Crow Ghost) Alkire and was raised on a small ranch just south of Fort Yates in the Long Soldier District. Her name, Winyan Wagatia (wee-yuh wuh-gah-tia), "Woman with High Values" belonged to her Grandmother and she is the Great-Great Grand-daughter of Chief Rain in the Face and an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (Lakota/Hukpapa).

Janet graduated high school from Standing Rock Community High School, and college at Sitting Bull College, and the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration.

After graduating from Sitting Bull College, Janet served in the United States Air Force for 15 years where she retired as a Staff Sergeant, with her last duty station being the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

Janet has served as the Executive Director for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe twice; travelled around the world; worked in the Pentagon during her tenure in the Air Force; served as Senator Heidi Heitkamp's Legislative Liaison; worked as a claims coordinator for the Keepseagle Class Action Lawsuit; worked as a legislative liaison for the MHA Nation and as a Tribal Lobbyist during Senate and House sessions. Janet was the first woman ever to be elected by the people as Chairwoman for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in 2021. (Previous women held one year appointed terms by the BIA over 70 years ago).

Chairwoman Alkire is driven to provide a medical campus, law enforcement center, increased law enforcement presence, food sovereignty program, climate resiliency program, reservation-wide security programs in each of the eight districts, tourism program, homeless shelters, and increased housing projects across the reservation.

Janet is honored to serve in the position as Chairwoman for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Her focused values during her administration are those of Truth and Compassion and hopes that the people of Standing Rock will be satisfied with the work she accomplishes during her administration.

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