

## **Biographical Sketch**

**Tina Cordova**

**Co-Founder**

**Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium**

**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Tina Cordova is a seventh generation native New Mexican born and raised in the small town of Tularosa in south central New Mexico. In 2005 Tina co-founded the Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium (TBDC) with the late Fred Tyler.

The mission of the TBDC is to bring attention to the negative health effects suffered by the unknowing, unwilling, uncompensated, innocent victims of the first nuclear blast on earth that took place at the Trinity site in South Central New Mexico. Ultimately, the goal is the passage of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments to bring much needed health care coverage and compensation to the People of New Mexico who have suffered with the health effects of overexposure to radiation since 1945. Tina is a cancer survivor having been diagnosed with Thyroid cancer when she was 39 years old.

In her role as an advocate on behalf of the TBDC she has testified before the US Senate judiciary Committee and the Committee on Indian Affairs. Tina has also been a guest lecturer at the University of New Mexico and at events all over the State of New Mexico communicating the history of the New Mexico Downwinders. Throughout 2020, Tina was invited to participate in webinars all over the world as people reflected on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Trinity Test.

Tina has a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree from New Mexico Highlands University where she majored in Biology and minored in Chemistry. She is the Co-Owner and President of Queston Roofing and Construction that she founded in 1990 with her partner Russ Steward. Tina currently serves as the immediate past President of the New Mexico Roofing Contractors Association and as the immediate past Vice President of the New Mexico Highlands University Foundation, her Alma Mater.

Tina enjoys spending her free time participating in outdoor recreation such as hiking, fishing, hunting and swimming.

