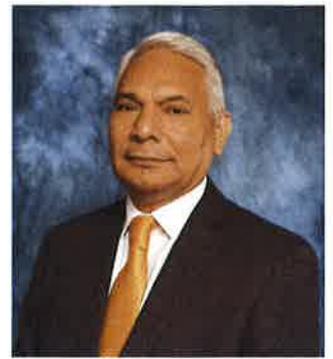




**Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Principal Chief**

James R. Floyd, FACHE



James Floyd is the chief executive of the fourth largest federally recognized tribe in the United States, located in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Muscogee (Creek) Nation covers eleven counties in eastern Oklahoma with over 85,000 members worldwide. Floyd oversees departments of: Housing, Health (3 hospitals, 5 clinics) Social Services, Education, Training, Economic Development, Law Enforcement, Language, Tourism, Cultural, Historic Preservation, Media/Public Affairs, Community Development, Environmental, Veterans Services, and Roads. Chief Floyd coordinates with traditional church and ceremonial ground leaders (Mekkos), Tribal communities, Tribal Legislative and Judicial branches, as well as with other tribal, city, state and federal governments. In January 2018 he was recognized the Oklahoma Magazine as one of the top five leaders in the state.

Chief Floyd's career spans more than 37 years of public service: 28 years of federal service, 23 years in the Senior Executive Service. He served in the DHHS for ten years at the Portland Area Indian Health Service in Portland, Oregon where he served as Area Director before transferring to the Department of Veterans Affairs. While heading the VA Salt Lake City Health Care System he coordinated federal health support for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. In 2015 he was awarded the American College of Healthcare Executives' Regent's Award (lifetime achievement) for demonstrating "leadership ability...and innovative and creative management." Throughout his career with the Indian Health Service and the Department of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Floyd continued to serve Native Americans throughout the United States, while always keeping in mind how his efforts could benefit Muscogee (Creek) Nation. He has been recognized nationally for establishing outreach to Native American Veterans, incorporating traditional healing practices, and establishing tele-health services in rural and Native American communities.

Floyd began his professional career with Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Environmental Services then as Director of Community Services where he managed the first Tribal-owned hospital in the U.S. and negotiated the transfer of the several clinics from IHS to Tribal management.

After graduating from Eufaula High School in 1970, Floyd earned an Associate Degree from Oklahoma State University. He graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration from Northeastern State University, and earned a Masters of Public Administration/Health Administration from Portland State University. He completed post-graduate training at the University of North Carolina and at the Brookings Institute. Floyd has remained a Fellow in the American College of Health Executives since 2009.

James has been married to Carol (Tustison) Floyd for 38 years. They have a son, Jacob, a daughter, Erin, and a son-in-law, Lloyd. He is Wind Clan, of Koweta Tribal Town; he attends the Tvlahasse Wvkokaye Ceremonial Ground.

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