

## **Terry Rambler**

**Chairman 2010 – 2022**

### **San Carlos Apache Tribe**

Terry Rambler is a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe and speaks and understands the Apache language. He has been elected to the San Carlos Council in 2004, 2008, 2010, 2014 and 2018. He was elected Chairman of the Tribe in 2010, 2014 and reelected in November 2018 for his third consecutive term. He served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA). He has served as President and Vice President of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA and now known as Inter Tribal Association of Arizona). He has served as Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Apache Alliance.

As Chairman of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, Terry Rambler has focused on projects that meet critical needs for his people – today and in the future, such as improving education, creating jobs, providing better health care, and developing the infrastructure to support future growth and development. Because of his concern about unemployment for Tribal members, Chairman Rambler's administration established the San Carlos Training Institute where Tribal members are being trained as heavy equipment operators, diesel mechanics, electricians, welders, and plant equipment operators. To date, 1,200 tribal members have gone through the training program of which over 500 have found employment. The Rambler Administration also spearheaded efforts in opening the San Carlos Apache College on the Reservation, which opened in August 2017. His Administration also continued the development of a second casino, the Apache Sky Casino, which opened in April 2017 and has provided over 200 jobs.

The Rambler Administration helped continue and finished the construction of a new hospital and medical campus, which opened in July 2015. The new hospital has not only improved health care for Tribal members, it has provided professional and administrative job opportunities, employing over 600 people. The Rambler Administration spearheaded plans by the Tribal Council to assume the management and operation of the I.H.S. San Carlos Service Unit through a P.L. 93-638 self-determination contract, which the Tribe assumed in July 2015, and turned over the management and governance to the San Carlos Apache Health Care Corporation. Health care services continue to improve for the San Carlos Apaches.

On the federal level, his Administration is leading negotiations to settle water rights issues for the Tribe and formed a nationwide coalition to save sacred sites. The Rambler Administration is spearheading efforts to build a water delivery system based on an economic development plan that will focus on cattle ranching and agriculture. Chairman Rambler helped negotiate a settlement in 2017 with the federal government for mismanagement of the Tribe's natural resources, which resulted in a monetary settlement of \$60.3 million of which a portion

was set aside for per capita payments distributed and still being distributed to all eligible enrolled tribal members.

As a Councilman representing the Bylas District from 2004 to 2010, Terry Rambler served as Chairman of the Transportation Committee, the Finance Committee and the Housing Board. He helped to prioritize the planning, design and construction of Route 6 in Gilson Wash, Routes 193/194 in Bylas, and State Highway 70 Safety improvements in Bylas. He helped develop a community master plan to open up new lands for housing, school, farming and business development. During his time as a Councilmember, the Tribal Council appointed him as Acting Tribal Treasurer for one year to help improve the Tribe's financial management system.

From 2004 to 2012, Terry Rambler served on the Fort Thomas Unified School District Board. As a member of that board, he helped build a new learning center which led to the formation of an Alternative School. The school has since graduated many Apache youth that would've dropped out of school. The board also initiated the first stages of a new elementary school in the Bylas Community. The school opened in the fall of 2015 serving grades K-2 and now serves K-4.

Chairman Rambler is a single parent, having raised his three younger children to adulthood. Chairman Rambler has a strong faith and believes in the power of prayer.