

Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Chuck Hoskin Jr. was elected to serve as the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, the country's largest tribal government with more than 437,000 tribal citizens, in 2019. He previously served as Secretary of State and as a member of the Council of the Cherokee Nation. During his time as Principal Chief, he has increased minimum wage at Cherokee Nation and Cherokee Nation Businesses and secured the largest language investment in the tribe's history to expand Cherokee language education and preservation. He also appointed the tribe's first delegate to the U.S. Congress. He has prioritized health and wellness initiatives, including record investments in behavioral health and addiction treatment. Chief Hoskin has also expanded tribal workforce training programs, protections for natural resources, and early childhood education offerings. He and First Lady January Hoskin have worked together to elevate the voices of women and children on the Cherokee Nation Reservation.