

Michael Tiger

USET President

1978 - 1982

In 1971 at the age of twenty-one, Mike was elected to the Board of Directors of the Seminole Tribe of Florida Inc. He is the youngest person to ever hold public office of the Tribe.

In 1973, he came to work full time for the Tribe as Human Resources Director. At the time, there were less than 100 employees working for the Tribe. Eventually he was promoted to Executive Administrator of the Seminole Tribe. During his tenure the number of Tribal programs expanded from 17 to 71. While working with the Tribe Mike served two terms as President of United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



In 1982, Mike moved his family to Nashville to work for Indian Health Service (IHS). The IHS Nashville office manages all the resource for providing health service to American Indian, Urban Organization funding from Maine to Texas all the way to Florida areas. Over a period of 12 years he worked in many different positions, from Executive Officer to Deputy Director to Area Director.

Mike retired from IHS in 2004 after 22 years of service and came home to work for the Tribe as Tribal Treasurer. Since 2005, the Seminole Tribe has implemented bi-weekly distribution of dividend funds to every Tribal member. For Tribal members under 18 years of age or still in high school, their money is placed in a trust account until they turn 18 or graduate from high school. The Treasurer's office also operates and maintains a tribal loan program. About \$900,000 to \$1 million in loans is issued monthly.

Mike served in the National Guard from 1969 to 1974. He has been married for 36 years and has two boys and two girls.