

Biography of Chairwoman Cheryl Andrews-Maltais



Cheryl Andrews-Maltais is the Chairwoman of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah. The Tribe is located on the Island of Martha's Vineyard off the coast of Massachusetts. They are known as *The People of The First Light*. The Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribe has been Federally Recognized for 30 years. As Tribal Chairwoman, Mrs Maltais also serves on the Board of Directors of the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET), the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee as the Delegate for the Eastern Region, the Indian Health Service Office of Self Governance Advisory Committee as the Alternate Delegate for the Eastern Region, the Tribal Interior Budget Advisory Council (TIBC) as the Delegate for the Eastern Region and serves on the Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal Cultural and Historic Commission.

Mrs Maltais is also the Chairwoman of the Aquinnah Wampanoag Gaming Corporation (AWGC). Outside of the Tribe, Chairwoman Andrews-Maltais serves on the Board of Directors of the Native Arts and Culture Foundation (NACF) and is the Chairwoman of its Board Governance Committee. Additionally, she serves on the Board of the American University of Sovereign Nations School of Medicine and is a member of the Board of Directors of Gathering On The Winds.

Chairwoman Andrews-Maltais just completed a Presidential Appointment in Washington DC for the Obama Administration as the first Tribal Leader to become a Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs. Her professional experience combined with her comprehensive tribal government knowledge and experience provided the expertise necessary to manage a diverse portfolio of issues; from federal recognition, to tribal self-governance, to historic preservation and Sacred Sites' protections, to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) regulations, to tribal consultations, to domestic and international issues on women's rights and protections, to international repatriation. She provided a unique and knowledgeable insight, relative to the impacts and implications that proposed regulations, rules and legislation would have on Indian Country. She helped develop regulatory and policy language, as well as testified before both the US House of Representatives and US Senate on statutory language regarding proposed legislation that would affect Tribes and Indian Country as a whole.

Mrs Maltais was elected for two consecutive terms and then re-elected to her position as Chairwoman; with over 40 years of involvement and experience in Indian Country issues. She has earned the respect and friendship of Tribal Leaders, Federal, State and Local Agencies and Tribal Members from many other Nations. An active Tribal Member all her life, she is an avid advocate for Tribal rights and sovereignty.

As the elected leader of her Tribe, she was responsible for the overall wellbeing of her Tribe's traditional, cultural and governmental health and wellbeing. She developed strong intergovernmental relationships with all levels of the federal government including establishing protocols relative to compliance and accountability; regarding

consultation and coordination with her Tribe. She is also charged with the responsibility of leading her Nation toward economic self-sufficiency and sustainability, thus creating a separate Section 17 corporate arm of the Tribe. Under her tenure, the Tribe also established its judiciary, and took innovative steps to address its Tribal housing needs, as well as expanding the Tribe's service areas to better address the health and human service needs of the Tribal community.

Chairwoman Andrews-Maltais also brings to her position, extensive experience in several areas of business; from business administration to sales and marketing. She lived and worked in Boston, MA for over 10 years in various managerial positions including the mortgage banking industry and a professional management, motivation and performance evaluation company. She was also the New England Regional Sales Manager for a national logistics company for 12 years before moving to the Island in 1998 to work for the Tribe.

Mrs Maltais was appointed to the Tribal Council in February 1999 and served until December 2000. She began working for the Tribe full time in January 2001 as the Personnel Director and Director of Office Management; responsible for all aspects of human resources, employee development, employee benefits and property insurance, systems support and overall tribal administration. Then in July 2004 she was selected and appointed to the position of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Director of Cultural Resources. As the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer / Director of Cultural Resources, she protected and preserved the Tribe's and Nation's cultural past, by asserting Tribal Nations' rights under all applicable Federal Laws, Statutes, Regulations and Executive Orders. She has been an invited speaker, lecturer and trainer on the subject matter of historic preservation and government to government relationship building and consultation. One very notable success was her work to protect a sacred landscape from a planned industrial wind farm development; where she was able to build a coalition of several federal agencies, the state and the Tribe that culminated in a landmark determination from the lead federal agency responsible for protecting historic and sacred sites. She was subsequently elected as Chairwoman for her first term in November 2007 and served two 3 year terms as Chairwoman.

Before taking office of Chairwoman, Cheryl previously served on her Tribe's:

- Budget and Finance Committee

- Economic Development Committee as Chairwoman

- Wampanoag Aquinnah Shellfish Hatchery Board (WASH)

- Land Use Committee as Chairwoman

- Tribal Gaming Negotiating Board

- The Tribal Enterprise Board (TEB) as Chairwoman

- United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) Culture and Heritage Committee as Chairwoman

- United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) Tribal Administration Committee as Chairwoman

In her current capacity, she continues working towards identifying opportunities for economic development and Tribal economic self sufficiency. She continues to advocate for Tribal Rights, Sovereignty and Cultural Preservation.

Cheryl and her husband Daniel Maltais will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this year. Together they have a daughter Samantha Maltais.



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USET SPF Resolution No. 2017 SPF:020

NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES TO FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribal Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET SPF Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribal Nation, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribal Nations' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** all federal agencies have a responsibility and obligation, as required by the National Historic Preservation Act and other laws and policies, to consult with Tribal Nations during the development, permitting, or approval of any policy or projects with Tribal implications; and
- WHEREAS,** the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) permits and oversees numerous projects and polices affecting Tribal Nations, including the deployment of broadband, the construction and maintenance of cellular towers, and the use and auction of spectrum; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal Nations must have the opportunity to provide guidance an input to the FCC on work may make impact to culturally sensitive sites and infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS,** the FCC Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) provides guidance, expertise, and recommendations to the Commission on a range of telecommunication issues for which local, state, and Tribal governments explicitly or inherently share responsibility or administration with the Commission; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2017-2019 IAC will focus on the role of state, local and Tribal governments in facilitating broadband deployment and adoption, initiatives related to wireless infrastructure deployment, Universal Service programs, consumer complaints processes, and public safety issues, and currently has one Tribal seat vacant; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition, the FCC recently announced the establishment of its Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC), which will provide advice and recommendations to the Commission on how to accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access "by reducing and/or removing regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment"; and
- WHEREAS,** eligible representatives to the BDAC include representatives of the communications industry, representatives of federal, state, local and Tribal regulators, or representatives of consumers and community organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** the FCC must uphold its trust responsibilities and obligations to Tribal Nations as it seeks to reduce or remove regulatory barriers to broadband deployment, and therefore, must include Tribal representatives on the BDAC; and

WHEREAS, in December 2010, the United States recognized the rights of its First Peoples through its support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), whose provisions and principles support and promote the purposes of this resolution; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET SPF Board of Directors nominates Cheryl Andrews-Maltais to the Federal Communications Commission Intergovernmental Advisory Committee; and be it further

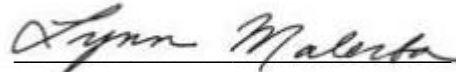
RESOLVED the USET SPF Board of Directors nominates Terri Henry to the Federal Communications Commission Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET SPF Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, February 9, 2017.



Chief Kirk Francis, Sr., President
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