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Fredericka Joseph Election BIO and Statement

Fredericka (Freddie) is enrolled member of the Kaw Nation of Oklahoma and she's Cherokee from Oklahoma. Freddie has been a Federal employee for over 29 years working at the Department of the Army, Department of Agriculture, Department of the Interior, Environmental Protection Agency, and currently at the Department of the Interior Headquarters in Washington, DC. She has served in a variety of positions but her current role is her true passion serving as a Youth Coordinator helping native youth to locate employment during the summer and all year round.



Statement of Interest:

It is with great honor that I have been nominated to run for Chair of the Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE). I am a Lifetime member, a Board Founder, Co-Chair for several National Training Programs and have served SAIGE as Secretary and recently as Vice Chair. I have observed the growth of this great organization over the years and am proud of our organization gaining more accountability and transparency. SAIGE has many levels serving as a Board/Officer and serving on committees but SAIGE also has many other areas where I would like to help grow in the next two years. Recruitment and career development is critical to our native people in growing and developing skills needed to become our future leaders who will have a say in policy work that impacts our tribal governments. I believe through the use of webinars and our national training program we can help our junior, middle, and senior level employees continue to grow. I would also like to develop a closer working relationship with our membership and Lifetime members by engaging members into various committees and building a communication plan that will help SAIGE to outreach and grow over the next few years. Several of these areas require very little time commitment but the valuable exposure to other members of SAIGE is priceless and it offers an up close look at the inner workings of SAIGE. I look forward to working with you in the next two years and I look to your support in helping meet these goals and continue to make SAIGE the best national organization that helps our Federal, Tribal, State, and Local native employees.