



IRIS PICTON

SECRETARY, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
HABEMATOLEL POMO OF UPPER LAKE

Iris Picton is Secretary for the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake, a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in Upper Lake, California. Secretary Picton was elected to the Tribe's seven-member Executive Council in 2012 and reelected in 2016, a position she assumed after working for the Tribe for more than ten years. As Secretary, she is charged with the well-being of the Tribe and success of its sovereign enterprises.

Prior to joining the Executive Council, she began her work for the Tribe as Tribal Receptionist in 2003, where she then became actively involved in its business and growing number of economic development committees. In 2003 she became Chairperson for the Tribe's Election Board, which held its very first Secretarial Election. Since that time she has served on the Financial Oversight Committee, Grievance Review Board, Constitution Review Committee and Seven Generations Scholarship Fund Selection Committee. She has also contributed her efforts to the Housing Committee, which oversees Emergency Housing for its membership and provides student rental assistance for those in need. In 2011 Secretary Picton was appointed as the Tribal Gaming Commission Chair, where she served until assuming her current elected position.

During her tenure on the Executive Council, the Tribe has introduced many new economic development programs, adopted new and amended Tribal Government Codes, and has never stopped working towards a successful future.

Secretary Picton was born in Ukiah and raised on the Upper Lake Rancheria. She holds a Secretarial Science Certification from Heald Business College. Secretary Picton currently resides in Ukiah, California with her family.



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