

Esther Bogda

**ANNOUNCES
CANDIDACY
FOR DISTRICT II
REPRESENTATIVE
LEECH LAKE
TRIBAL
COUNCIL**

Esther Bogda is announcing her candidacy for the District II Representative for the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council. She is seeking the honor of representing the people of District II on the Leech Lake Tribal Council. She is seeking and asking for your support.

Esther was raised in a traditional Indian home in Bena, with Ojibwe cultural and traditional values and still maintains these values in her everyday life. She has lived most of her childhood and adult life on the Leech Lake Reservation.

Esther Bogda has worked for the Leech Lake Reservation for 26 years. She has been a social worker, chemical dependency counselor, school counselor for the Bug-o-nay-ge-shig School, medical social worker at the Cass Lake Indian Hospital, Mental Health Program Manager. Most recently she is the Division Director of Human Services for the Leech Lake Reservation.

The experiences of living on the reservation as a child and as an adult, along with being able to work for the Reservation in various positions, has given Esther knowledge of the wants and needs of the Leech Lake people and the programs that serve them. Through her work experiences she has gained skills in working with band members, budgeting for programs, staff management and supervision skills, and leadership skills that would help her be the people's representative for District II and the Leech Lake Reservation. Most importantly, the experiences of growing up in a traditional Indian home and her reservation work experiences, have taught her humility, humor, generosity, respect, integrity and have given her the wisdom to work for the people of District II and the people of the Leech Lake Reservation.