

Indigenous Water Protectors: In Tribute to World Water Day March 22, 2022

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Grandmother Mona Polacca (Hopi/Havasupai/Tewa) chair of the International Council of the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers



Spiritual Elder Mona Polacca has worked to further social justice for indigenous people from an early age. She is an author in the field of social sciences, has held posts of responsibility as Treasurer for her tribe, served on several committees for Indigenous Peoples within the United Nations, and is widely known for her "leadership in the Native American revitalisation movement."

In recent years, Mona has gained international recognition for her work as one of the International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers - a group of spiritual elders, medicine women and wisdom keepers founded in 2004

Sharon Day

Sharon Day, Ojibwe is an artist, playwright, water walker, and activist. She created the Ikidowin Youth Theater Ensemble, formerly the Ogitchidag Giikinoamaagad Youth Theater Ensemble in 1990. She is the Executive Director of the Indigenous Peoples Task Force. She was named one of the Spirit Aligned Leadership Fellows in 2018. The Governor of the state of Minnesota and both Mayors of the Twin Cities named November 10, 1998 as Sharon M. Day Day. She wishes they would listen to her on Climate Change issues.



Elder Kathy Sanchez, Wan Povi (Po-Who-Geh-Owingeh), Tewa Women United



Elder Kathy (Wan Povi), from San Ildefonso Pueblo, is a founding member of Tewa Women United, former executive director of the organization, and now serves as elder and program manager for the Environmental Health and Justice Program. She is also a member of TWU's SaYain/Circle of Grandmothers.

Elder Kathy has dedicated her life to working on culture, the environment, and social change.



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Pidamaya! Miigwetch!

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