



# **LORA ANN CHAISSON**

## **CAMPAIGN STATEMENT**

Hello, fellow United Houma Nation Tribal Citizens,

It is with great honor I announce my candidacy for re-election as Principal Chief of the United Houma Nation. I am seeking the opportunity to continue moving the United Houma Nation forward while building on the progress we have made together.

During the last four years, our administration has focused on strengthening our proud Nation, honoring our culture, and expanding our presence at the local, national, and international levels.

Although the work is just getting started, a few of our noteworthy accomplishments include:

- Under my administration, we put a team together and have been working nonstop since December 2022 to advance our federal recognition status. I am confident we are closer than ever to achieving this long-deserved acknowledgment.
- Spearheading a major NOAA grant that supports long-term resilience and sustainability efforts benefiting all six Houma tribal communities.
- Founding the United Houma Nation Celebration which annually brings our tribal communities together, teaching our traditional arts and games, while strengthening pride and honoring our loved ones through a dedicated memorial.
- Establishing the United Houma Nation Volunteer Dinner to formally recognize and appreciate individuals who generously give their time, resources, and service.
- Created the first “Honoring our Houma Women Gala”. To celebrate our culture, strength, resilience, and leadership of our Houma Women.
- Reviving and strengthening the Annual United Houma Nation Awards Banquet and the Pow Wow, two highly anticipated events that build community and cultural pride for all generations of tribal citizens.
- Securing the rightful return of our ancestral ceremonial Mound, reclaiming and protecting a sacred site of cultural and historical significance to our people.

Additionally, as United Houma Nation Principal Chief, I have had the esteemed privilege of:

- Representing the United Houma Nation on the international stage at the United Nations Indigenous Peoples Forum, helping elevate Indigenous voices and issues worldwide.



- Serving as an Alternate Regional Vice President for the Southeast Caucus at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) until 2025; last November, I was unanimously elected as Regional Vice President for the Southeast Caucus. This opportunity is a tremendous honor and allows me to represent and advocate for UHN on a national level at the oldest and largest tribal organization.

These reminders reflect what can be achieved through unity, dedication, and strong leadership; leadership our tribal citizens can trust and believe in. From the very beginning, I have remained committed to continuing this work with integrity and the utmost respect for the proud United Houma Nation Citizens, and I humbly ask for your continued support.

Join me at the polls on June 6 2026, and together let us keep moving the United Houma Nation forward.

Respectfully,

Lora Ann Chaisson  
Principal Chief

United Houma Nation