

# ERMA VIZENOR

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**The Anishinabe Preparatory School**

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1994 Global Fellow



## PERSONAL BIO

Erma J. Vizendor currently serves as president of Leech Lake Tribal College in Cass Lake, Minnesota. She was previously elected as the Chairwoman of the White Earth Reservation in 2004 and served until her resignation in 2016, being the first woman to lead the largest tribe in Minnesota. She also held the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

Erma holds an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education; a master's degree in Guidance and Counseling; and a specialist degree in Education Administration from Minnesota State University Moorhead. A Bush Leadership fellowship gave Erma the opportunity to earn a master's degree in Community Decision-Making and Lifelong Learning; and a doctoral degree in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy from Harvard University. She is committed to building a strong infrastructure within the White Earth Reservation, which is necessary in order to exercise sovereignty, self-governance, and service to the tribal citizens.

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### Organization/Fellow Location

Saint Paul, United States

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### Impact Location

North America

United States

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### Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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