AFN National Chief
Candidate Biography

David Gordon Pratt is a proud citizen of Muscowpetung First Nation located in Treaty 4 Territory. He is serving his second term as the First Vice Chief of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) where he was elected to lead the 74 First Nations in the Saskatchewan region with an exceptional mandate of over 72% of the vote.

David's father was William H. Pratt Sr. of Muscowpetung First Nation. He was a well-respected World War II veteran who served on the Council of his nation for over 30 years. His mother, Marion Isabel Pratt from the Cote First Nation, was also an elected leader. Both were Residential School survivors who instilled the values of respect and hard work into David and his 14 siblings and most of all, to speak up for others who may not have a voice.

David is a visionary leader with a proven track record of making a difference and advancing the Inherent and Treaty rights of First Nations. Under his leadership in 2022, the FSIN established the first-ever First Nations Health Ombudsperson as a response to the discrimination and mistreatment that First Nations peoples face within the healthcare system.

David was a fierce advocate for Bill C-92: An Act Respecting First Nations Children and Families, legislation that recognizes the Inherent rights of Indigenous peoples. He worked closely with past and present leaders, the AFN Advisory Council and Cindy Blackstock to ensure that no children were left out of the final settlement agreement in 2023. David's leadership work supported the Caring Society to ensure that all First Nations children who experienced discrimination on-reserve would receive compensation despite the efforts of his opposition.

David is currently the Co-Chair of the AFN National Table on Health alongside Glen O'Hare, the Regional Chief of Ontario. Here, David has been wholeheartedly committed to supporting the recognition of the Inherent right to self-govern over healthcare and the implementation of the Treaty right to health.

In closing, David Pratt's unwavering commitment to the mandates entrusted to him by the Chiefs in Assembly reflects his dedication to the betterment of First Nations communities. His track record of effective leadership speaks volumes about his capability to initiate meaningful change. Embracing the wisdom of the collective, David is poised to further unite our diverse nations under the AFN banner, paving the way for a harmonious and powerful shared voice. Together, as many nations with a unified voice, we can stride confidently toward a brighter, more equitable future, where the recognition of our inherent rights takes center stage.

For more information on David's leadership, visit www.davidprattafn.org