

## Jason Cofield

### Executive Director of Tribal Operations, Shinnecock Nation

- Jason Hansana-Cofield currently serves the Shinnecock Nation as the Executive Director of Tribal Operations. In this position, he provides daily and long-term operational oversight of all Shinnecock Tribal departments and programs.
- While serving as Executive Director, Jason attended both Harvard Business School Tribal Leadership Program and Dartmouth Tribal Leadership Academy.
- Prior to serving as Executive Director, Jason was the Coordinator of Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country and the Coordinator for the Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program.
- He is a proud veteran of the United States Air Force.
- Jason is an enrolled citizen of the Shinnecock Indian Nation, where he resides. He is a husband and father of four. Jason has been an active participant in his Shinnecock culture since birth. He has danced throughout Indian Country representing his Eastern Woodland Indigenous Culture. He is known all over Turtle Island for his beadwork and regalia making taught to him by his grandmother and Shinnecock elders. Shinnecock elders and elders throughout Indian Country have passed on stories and oral history that he now shares with his children, grandchildren, and Sister Tribes. Jason takes pride in his service to his Nation, teaching and passing on culture to the youth in his community through language, plant and medicine identification, planting and harvesting, hunting and gathering, fishing, beading and regalia techniques, drumming and singing, storytelling, and passing on oral history.
- Jason serves on the following Boards: Suffolk County Community Advisory Board for the Arts, New York Offshore Wind Environmental Justice Technical Working Group, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management New York & New Jersey Environmental Justice Forum, and Solar Uncommon Dialogue Tribal Clean Energy.