

ELIZABETH CHAVEZ, a resident of Nez Perce County for fifty years and a graduate of Lewis Clark State College. She is married to Jerry Chavez and taught middle school in the Clarkston School District from 1970-2000. She is involved in her church and also several public service organizations including the Lewis Clark State College Foundation and Women's Basketball Scholarship Club, as well as a member of the Family Promise Board.

Mrs. Chavez served as a member of the Idaho Legislature/House of Representatives from 2006-2010. Mrs. Chavez served on the Agricultural Affairs Committee, the Education Committee, and the Natural Resources Committee. Other committee work while in the Legislature included serving on the Middle School Task Force, the Teacher Evaluation Task Force, the Soil Conservation Interim Committee, and as a member of the House and Senate Sportsman's Caucus, and Idaho Preferred Advisory Board. Mrs. Chavez was also the recipient of the 2010 Patricia Kempthorne Award for work in substance abuse awareness.

Mrs. Chavez is an avid supporter of full funded accessible education at all levels, helping families and communities deal with mental illness in the same way we deal with physical illness, she supports groups and organizations which enable those with special needs, those living in poverty and older citizens to live independently or with assistance.