

# iPrescott History In A Minute

*“Did You Know?” Series*



## Viola Jimulla



- **Born in 1878 on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation, Viola attended Rice Phoenix Indian School before relocating to the Prescott area around 1900**
- **Through the leadership of Viola and her husband, Sam, the only reservation solely for the Yavapai was established in 1935**
- **Viola became Chieftess of the Prescott Yavapais in 1940, thus making her the first Chieftess in the North American West**
- **Viola formed the Yavapai Tribal Council to better ensure the people’s voice in their own governing**
- **Her ability to care for and work with both the Indian and Anglo cultures had a long lasting benefit for her people and for the greater Prescott area**
- **She was a master basket maker using traditional Yavapai symbols representative of mountains, animals, people and celestial images**
- **Viola was inducted into the Arizona Women’s Hall of Fame in 1985**
- **She guided her tribe with wisdom and kindness until her death in 1966**