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### THE INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE-LEVEL STAFF

SANTA FE – The Indian Affairs Department is proud to announce and welcome Stephanie M. Salazar, Senior Policy Analyst, and Keegan King, Policy, Legislative Affairs and Communications Bureau Chief.

Stephanie M. Salazar (Diné) joins the Indian Affairs Department following her work as a policy analyst for the 2019 legislative session. Prior to her legislative work, Stephanie served as the Tribal Prosecutor at the Pueblo of Isleta. She also worked for the American Indian Law Center, Inc. where she was part of a team that conducted tribal court assessments for tribes in New Mexico and California. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Native American Studies and Political Science from the University of New Mexico and she obtained a Juris Doctorate with a certificate in Indian Law from the University of New Mexico School of Law. She is currently a member of the New Mexico State Bar.

Keegan King (Pueblo of Acoma) joins the Indian Affairs Department as the Policy, Legislative Affairs and Communications Bureau Chief. Prior to joining the Indian Affairs Department, he worked as a consultant specializing in policy development and communications strategy. His experience as a campaign manager and media consultant includes organizing in tribal communities, communities of color nationwide, and building broad coalitions to achieve policy outcomes. Keegan's recent work has included the campaign to protect the Greater Chaco region, national immigrant rights campaigns, and national voter and civic engagement programs.

"I'm very excited to welcome Keegan King and Stephanie Salazar to the Indian Affairs Department. Our team is working to build true government-to-government collaboration with the 23 sovereign nations of New Mexico." Secretary Trujillo said. "We will continue to work to build our capacity to better serve the needs of tribal communities in New Mexico."

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