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### **Secretary Trujillo Announces Deputy Cabinet Secretary Appointment**

*Santa Fe* – Indian Affairs Secretary Lynn Trujillo on Tuesday announced the appointment of Nadine R. Padilla as Deputy Cabinet Secretary. Padilla brings years of experience working on policy affecting Native American communities on a local level and championing crucial issues for New Mexico’s Native nations, tribes and pueblos. Padilla is Navajo, from Bluewater Lake and Baca Chapter. She holds a bachelors from Fort Lewis College and a Juris Doctorate from the University of New Mexico School of Law.

“I am very excited to work with Nadine to ensure the Indian Affairs department strengthens its relationships and collaboration with the 23 sovereign tribes in New Mexico,” Secretary Trujillo said. “I am confident in her ability to serve this administration, this department and most importantly the 23 sovereign nations and Indian people in New Mexico.”

The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department is tasked with serving New Mexico’s 23 Native nations, tribes and pueblos and working to ensure productive government-to-government relations that improve the quality of life for New Mexico’s Indian citizens.

Deputy Secretary Padilla begins her duties immediately.

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