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# Navajo Vice President Ben Shelly offers congratulations to new New Mexico Indian Affairs Secretary Alvin Warren

**SANTA FE, N.M.** – Navajo Nation Vice President Ben Shelly has congratulated the new Secretary of the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department.

“I wish to congratulate you for being appointed to this important position,” the Vice President told Alvin Warren here Wednesday. “Let’s move forward, work together, and push for unity and partnership.”

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson appointed Secretary Warren, a former Pueblo of Santa Clara Lieutenant Governor and council member.

The Indian Affairs Department helps implement state and tribal policy initiatives and houses a capital outlay unit, which helps initiate funding for many Navajo Nation capital improvement projects.

The department is the first and only cabinet-level state Native American affairs department in the United States.

The secretary plans to visit both Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., and Vice President Shelly in Window Rock after the New Mexico Legislature concludes its 30-day session.



*Navajo Vice President Ben Shelly offers congratulations to newly-appointed Indian Affairs Secretary Alvin Warren. To left is Teresa C. Gomez, Indian Affairs deputy cabinet secretary.*