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23rd Navajo Nation Council welcomes and congratulates New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham

SANTA FE, N.M. – On New Year's Day, Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland) had the honor of welcoming and congratulating former Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham on behalf of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council, as she was sworn-in to serve as the new Governor of New Mexico during a public ceremony on Tuesday at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center in Santa Fe, N.M.

Following the event, Speaker Bates met briefly with Governor Lujan Grisham and congratulated her and wished her well in her new role.

"It's an honor to join Governor Lujan Grisham on this special day as she takes office. The 23rd Navajo Nation Council has worked hard to establish good relations with leaders at the state and federal levels and it is my hope that the new incoming 24th Navajo Nation Council carries forward those efforts in order to advance the issues of the Navajo Nation," said Speaker Bates.

The new governor was officially sworn-in moments after midnight on Jan. 1 in a small private ceremony in the state's capitol, following her resignation as a member of congress where she served three terms representing New Mexico's 1st District.

"The Navajo Nation has plenty of issues and matters that require the attention of the Governor and I'm confident that she will work well with the Nation's leaders to move those issues forward," Speaker Bates stated.



PHOTO: Speaker LoRenzo Bates and New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham at the inauguration ceremony at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center in Santa Fe, N.M. on Jan. 1, 2019.

During her inaugural address, Governor Lujan Grisham called for greater investments of the state's funds for education, job creation, more opportunities for single mothers, and renewable energy initiatives.

Governor Lujan Grisham won the Nov. 6, 2018 general election after winning the Democratic nomination in August. She becomes the 32nd Governor of New Mexico.

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