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## **Navajo Nation Council Welcomes New Deputy Cabinet Secretary**

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – 24th Navajo Nation Council Speaker Seth Damon (Bááháálí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Tsé Lichíí', Rock Springs, Tsayatoh) congratulates Nadine Padilla on her appointment as Deputy Cabinet Secretary for the State of New Mexico Indian Affairs Department.

“The Council welcomes Deputy Cabinet Secretary Padilla to her new position. I am confident she will use her significant experience and expertise to produce a healthy working relationship between the Navajo Nation and the state,” Speaker Damon stated.

Indian Affairs Secretary Lynn Trujillo announced the appointment Tuesday.

“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.”

Padilla is citizen of the Navajo Nation from Bluewater Lake and Baca Chapter. Her previous experience includes work to protect Tsoodzil (Mt. Taylor), the sacred southern mountain, from uranium mining. She holds a bachelors from Fort Lewis College and a Juris Doctorate from the University of New Mexico School of Law.

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