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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

New Iyanbito Chapter Vice-President 'Excited' to Taking Office

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation Judge Allen Sloan gave the Oath of Office to Jean Begay as the new vice-president of the Iyanbito Chapter Monday morning, May 14, at the Window Rock District Court.

"It's exciting!" Begay said shortly after taking her Oath of Office. "I'm willing to learn to become a leader in the community."

Supporting Begay were Iyanbito Chapter officials such as President Karl W. Katenay; Community Services Coordinator Louise Mariano and Office Specialist Josephine Bahe.

Begay is no stranger to Iyanbito Chapter community service, she was an office specialist for nine years. Currently, she works as a attendant for Compassion Personal Care Services at Smith Lake, N.M.

Mariano has faith in Begay because her knowledge and expertise in strategic planning, financial planning, economic development, and the state legislative process.

"She'll be working on the five-point-planning-management system," Mariano said, adding that will pave the way for Iyanbito Chapter to achieve their Local Governance Act certification.

Begay who was born and reared in Iyanbito, N.M. replaced the late Edward J. Duffy as chapter vice-president. Duffy, 70, passed on Jan. 19, 2007.

"Well, right now, we did lose Edward J. Duffy," Katenay said, adding that Duffy is a relative of his. "We are still mourning the loss. However, it's a new beginning...I'm glad she's on board."

Katenay noted that Begay "is capable in all categories."

A special chapter meeting was held on April 23, 2007 to nominate and decide whom to replace Duffy as vice-president, according to Begay.

The Iyanbito Chapter economic development meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 2. The Iyanbito Chapter meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 2.

For information on the Iyanbito Chapter call 505-488-5650.