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Dr. Jennifer Nez Denetdale joins the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission

ST. MICHAELS, Ariz.—Jennifer Nez Denetdale, Ph.D, will fill the position on the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission, which requires “an extensive background in education.”

Her appointment to the Commission was confirmed on August 1, 2011 at the Naabik’iyati’ Committee of the Navajo Nation Council with a vote of 18 in favor and 0 opposed. She was recommended by the Navajo Nation Council Speaker Johnny Naize to the Naabik’iyati’ Committee.

Denetdale will join Commissioner Chairperson Duane H. Yazzie, Commissioner Vice-Chairperson Clarence Chee, Commissioner Steve Darden, and Commissioner Irving Gleason; and direct seven staff members for the Commission. Denetdale will serve the remainder of the term of the vacated position from the time of appointment to July 2012.

During her term, Denetdale will guide staff at the Commission involving areas of civil and human rights, including but not limited to, employment, housing, cultural and intellectual property, sacred sites, race discrimination, advising accordingly as the educational representative to the Commission.

The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission is an authorized entity of the Navajo Nation legislative branch to advocate for Navajo human rights and to address discriminatory acts against Navajo citizens.

The Commission’s office is located in St. Michaels, where Commissioners meet regularly every first Friday of each month. Commissioner meetings are open to the public.

Staff members address complaints filed by Navajo citizens. Complaint forms are available to download at www.nnhrc.navajo-nsn.gov.

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