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**Nez-Lizer congratulate Shannon Pinto  
on New Mexico State Senate appointment**

**WINDOW ROCK** – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer congratulate Shannon Pinto for being appointed by New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham on Thursday, to fill the vacant New Mexico State Senate seat for District 3, which includes San Juan County and Mckinley County.

The late Sen. John Pinto held the Senate seat from 1977 to the time of his passing in May. Shannon Pinto, the granddaughter of late Sen. Pinto, will serve the remainder of the current term.

“On behalf of the Navajo Nation, we congratulate Shannon Pinto, and we look forward to working with her to advance the priorities of the Navajo Nation and state of New Mexico,” said President Nez.

Pinto is a member of the Navajo Nation and a resident of Tohatchi, N.M. She has Bachelor of Business Administration and Financial Management from the University of New Mexico and an Associates of Arts of Science in Business Administration from the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute. Her professional background includes experience in the fields of education, finance, business administration, recreation, and government relations.

“Working together in unity is the key to addressing all the challenges of the Navajo Nation and state of New Mexico. With the leadership of Shannon Pinto, we are looking forward to making positive changes,” said Vice President Lizer.

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