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Nez-Lizer Administration congratulates newly-appointed Arizona House of Representatives member Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer congratulate Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren, a member of the Navajo Nation, who was appointed on Tuesday to serve as a member of the Arizona House of Representatives, representing District 7 that includes a large portion of the Navajo Nation.

“Congratulations to newly-appointed Arizona State Rep. Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren and her family. We had the opportunity to recognize her and her colleagues during a graduation ceremony when she completed law school and now, we are proud to see her in a position to serve and represent our Navajo people at the state level. We always tell our young Navajo people to get their education and help our people, and that’s what Rep. Blackwater-Nygren is doing. As the legislative session continues in Arizona, we are looking forward to working with her on many issues,” said President Nez.



Blackwater-Nygren resides in Red Mesa, Arizona. She is Hasht’ishnii and born for Áshjǫhi. Her maternal grandfather’s clan is Nooda’i dine’e tachiinii and her paternal grandfather’s clan is Bitahnii. She will fill the seat vacated by former Arizona State Rep. Arlando Teller, who resigned on Jan. 31, to accept a position with the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Biden-Harris Administration.

“Ahe’hee’ to everyone who has supported my appointment to this position. I am humbled to be your Arizona House of Representative. I look forward to working with the people of LD7,” said Blackwater-Nygren following the appointment by the Apache County Board of Supervisors.

Blackwater-Nygren earned a bachelor’s degree from Stanford University and a Juris Doctor from Arizona State University, and recently passed the Arizona Bar Association exam. She has worked at the grassroots level with the Red Mesa Chapter as well as an employee with the Navajo Nation Legislative Branch and Judicial Branch.

“It’s very exciting to see so many of our young professionals pursuing their education and giving back to our people in many ways. I look forward to working with Rep. Blackwater-Nygren to advocate for issues that benefit our Navajo people. Congratulations to her and her loved ones. We pray for continued success in her new endeavor,” stated Vice President Lizer.

Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren is expected to take the oath of office to serve as the Arizona State Representative for District 7 later this week.

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