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**Tom Platero appointed to serve as the Division
Director for the Navajo Nation Division of General Services**

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer announced the appointment of Tom Platero, to serve as the new Division Director for the Navajo Nation Division of General Services. He replaces Lomardo C. Aseret, who resigned on Feb. 19 to enter retirement due to health concerns.

“When Mr. Aseret joined our administration over two years ago, he relocated his family and brought years of great professional experience to the Navajo Nation. Under our administration, we place great value on the health and well-being of Navajo Nation employees and we respect Mr. Aseret and his family’s decision based on health and safety, especially during an ongoing public health emergency. On behalf of the Navajo Nation, we thank Mr. Aseret and wish him and his family the very best as he moves forward into retirement. Mr. Platero brings extensive knowledge and experience to the Division of General Services and I’m confident that he will hit the ground running and create many positive changes,” said President Nez.



PHOTO: Newly-appointed Division Director for the Navajo Nation Division of General Services, Tom Platero.

Aseret thanked President Nez, Vice President Lizer, Division of General Services employees, and all his colleagues for their collaboration and support during his time as the Division Director.

“I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to serve the Navajo Nation under the Nez-Lizer Administration. This COVID-19 pandemic created a lot of challenges for us all and I am happy that

I will now have more time to spend with my wife and children. I wish President Nez, Vice President Lizer, and all of my colleagues well and good health,” stated Aseret.

“To Lomardo, his wife, and children, you will always be in our prayers as you move on from our administration. We thank you for all of the great work and sacrifices that you made for our people and our Nation. We wish you nothing but the best into the future,” stated Vice President Lizer.

As the new head of the Division of General Services, effective Monday, Feb. 22, Tom Platero is tasked with overseeing the Communications and Utilities Department, Department of Information Technology, Employee Housing Program, Facilities Maintenance Department, Insurance Services Department, Records Management Department, Air Transportation Department, Navajo Transit System, and Fleet Management Department.

Platero is Táchii'nii and born for Tó baazhni'ázhí. His maternal grandfather is Bit'ahnii and his paternal grandfather is Áshjji. He is originally from Round Rock, Ariz. on the Navajo Nation.

Prior to his appointment, Platero served as the Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Office of Legislative Services from 2012 to 2020 and also previously served as the Division Director for the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation from 2004-2011. His professional experience also includes serving as the principal contract analyst for the Department of Workforce Development and the Asst. Department Manager for the Department of Head Start.

“We are excited to have Mr. Platero on board with our administration. I am certain that his well-rounded background and experience will lead to new initiatives and tangible improvements under his leadership. We are looking forward to supporting him and the Division of General Services,” said Vice President Lizer.

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