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### **Council congratulate Kara Bobroff on appointment to the New Mexico Public Education Department**

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham appointed Kara Bobroff as the New Mexico Public Education Department’s deputy secretary of Identity Equity and Transformation. Bobroff is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and is of the Salt People Clan, born for the Lakota People. Her family is from Ramah, N.M. and she currently resides in Albuquerque.

24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council Speaker Pro Tem Seth Damon (Bááháálí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Tsé Lichíí’, Rock Springs, Tsayatoh) congratulated Deputy Secretary Bobroff and stated that Council is looking forward to meeting with her to begin tackling education issues such as impact aid and increasing resources that benefit Navajo students in public schools on or near the Navajo Nation.

“On behalf of the Navajo Nation Council, I would like to congratulate Deputy Secretary Bobroff on her appointment by Gov. Grisham. It is encouraging to know we have an ally in that position whom comes from the Navajo Nation and understands the importance of improving our education system and promoting equity in regards to resources and services for Native American students,” said Speaker Pro Tem Damon.

Speaker Pro Tem Damon expressed gratitude to Gov. Grisham for selecting Bobroff to the Public Education Department and said her advocacy and policy efforts are critical to aiding tribes in New Mexico, and stated he had the utmost confidence in her expertise on Indian education in the state of New Mexico.

In 2006, Bobroff aided in establishing the Native American Community Academy in Albuquerque, which was recognized as a model for effective indigenous education by the New Mexico Indian Education Sub-Committee. Additionally, she was invited by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to participate in national strategic reform for Indian education, and has extensive experience working in education in low-income communities.

Bobroff also has been recognized as one of the “Best Emerging Social Entrepreneurs” in the country by President Obama, awarded a national Echoing Green Fellowship, and is a current Pahara-Aspen Education Fellow. She earned a Masters degree in Special Education and an

Education Specialist degree in Educational Administration as a Danforth Scholar from the University of New Mexico.

Council Delegate Daniel E. Tso (Baca/Prewitt, Casamero Lake, Counselor, Littlewater, Ojo Encino, Pueblo Pintado, Torreon, Whitehorse Lake) commended Deputy Secretary Bobroff on her appointment and thanked Gov. Grisham for continuing to improve state-tribal relations.

“We are more than pleased and enthusiastic that Ms. Bobroff was appointed to the Public Education Department. She has shown exemplary administrative leadership in furthering the education of Native American students at the Native American Community Academy. Her appointment exemplifies Gov. Grisham’s commitment to improving tribal and state relations,” said Delegate Tso, adding “We are proud of Ms. Bobroff for continuing these important achievements.”

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