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### **Governor Bill Richardson Appoints G. Michelle Brown-Yazzie As Deputy Secretary of Indian Affairs**

SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of G. Michelle Brown-Yazzie, a native of Na'neelzhiin (Torreon), located on the Eastern Navajo Nation, to serve as the new Deputy Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs.

"Mrs. Brown-Yazzie is a dynamic advocate for Native Americans," Governor Bill Richardson said. "Her experience, both on the Navajo Nation and in Washington, D.C., is a major plus for the Department of Indian Affairs."

Brown-Yazzie previously served as a member of the Joint Tribal and Bureau of Indian Affairs Budget Advisory Council. She also represented the Navajo Nation in Washington, DC, representing the Nation's issues to Congress and the President; and gave the Keynote Address to the United States Department of State for Indian Heritage Day.

Brown-Yazzie, who earned her law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law, also worked as a Domestic Violence Prosecutor. She attended the Pre-Law Summer Institute for American Indians held at the UNM Law School.