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### **Governor Bill Richardson Names Tommy Jewell as Secretary of Children, Youth and Families Department**

#### ***Governor Richardson names Dorian Dodson as acting Deputy Secretary***

SANTA FE-Governor Bill Richardson today named Tommy Jewell as the new Cabinet Secretary for the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD).

“Judge Jewell is one of New Mexico’s best known and most respected advocates for our children and families,” Governor Richardson said. “He has seen first hand the problems and challenges facing our youth, and has worked hard to provide assistance and find solutions.”

Judge Jewell retired last year as the Presiding Judge of the Second Judicial District Children’s Court after more than two decades of service on the bench. He is also on the State Justice Institute Board of Directors.

He was recognized for Outstanding Judicial Service by the State Bar of New Mexico in 1997 and was selected Outstanding Judge by the Albuquerque Bar Association in 2001.

He has also served on as a trustee for the Albuquerque Academy and on the Board of Visitors of the University of New Mexico Law School.

Governor Richardson also named Dorian Dodson as the acting Deputy Secretary. Since May of 2004 Dorian has served as Director of the department’s Protective Services Division.

“Dorian has more than 8 years total experience with CYFD, including serving as Deputy Secretary and Director of the Prevention and Intervention Division,” Governor

Richardson said. "I'd like to thank Dorian for her hard work, and for agreeing to take on these new responsibilities during the transition.

Dodson has held numerous positions in the human services field, including Executive Director of St. Elizabeth Shelter in Santa Fe, which is responsible for the emergency and long-term housing programs for homeless individuals and families. She also served as an independent consult to other nonprofit agencies and advised the Mortgage Finance Authority on the implementation of the state and federal homeless programs.

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