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Governor Bill Richardson Releases Statement on US Senate Confirmation of Kenny C. Montoya to Brigadier General

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today announced Adjutant General Kenny C. Montoya has been confirmed Brigadier General in the U.S. Army by the United States Senate.

“I appointed Kenny Montoya to commander of the New Mexico National Guard more than five years ago because of his proven leadership skills and experience,” said Governor Richardson. “He has served our state and our country honorably and I wish to congratulate him on his confirmation to Brigadier General.”

Governor Richardson appointed Kenny Montoya to serve as Adjutant General of the New Mexico National Guard in 2003. The Governor re-appointed Montoya in April 2008 for a second five year term. Adjutant General is an appointment by the governor and not a rank. Today’s confirmation by the United States Senate promoted Montoya’s rank to Brigadier General.

“I am grateful to Senator Bingaman for playing a key role in helping to move this promotion along,” said Governor Richardson. “And I wish to thank Senator Domenici for his support during this lengthy process as well.”

Governor Richardson lobbied top officials in the Pentagon for his promotion and worked with Senators Bingaman and Domenici after the Army blocked his promotion in 2004.

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