Dear Portland Area Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am pleased to announce that CAPT Marcus Martinez has been appointed to serve as the Director of the Portland Area Indian Health Service (IHS).

As the Director of the Portland Area IHS, CAPT Martinez is responsible for overseeing comprehensive health care and environmental health services for American Indians and Alaska Natives throughout Oregon, Idaho, Washington State, and part of Utah. With an estimated patient population of approximately 150,000, the Portland Area IHS includes six federally operated Service Units, as well as Tribal and Urban Indian Organization health programs.

CAPT Martinez, a member of the Spokane Tribe of Indians, has more than 27 years of experience working with Federal agencies, Tribes, and local governments. He began his IHS career in 1995 as an engineering technician for the Office of Environmental Health and Engineering (OEHE), IHS Spokane District Office. Since that time, he has held multiple leadership roles, including Chief Executive Officer for the Wellpinit Service Unit from 2009-2019, and most recently, as the Portland Area IHS OEHE Director.

CAPT Martinez has a Bachelors degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from the University of Washington and a Masters degree in Engineering Management from the University of Idaho. He completed the Leadership for a Democratic Society Program with the Federal Executive Institute, Chief Executive Officer Boot Camp, and the OEHE Executive Leadership Program.

I also want to thank CAPT Ann Arnett for her leadership in serving as the Acting Director of the Portland Area IHS since March 2022.

Please join me in welcoming CAPT Martinez as the Director of the Portland Area IHS.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Fowler
Acting Director