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Dear Navajo Area Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am pleased to announce that I am appointing CAPT Brian K. Johnson as the Acting Director of the Navajo Area Indian Health Service (NAIHS) while the Indian Health Service (IHS) works to advertise and fill the position.

As the Acting Director of the NAIHS, CAPT Johnson is responsible for ensuring the provision of comprehensive health care services to Tribes in the Four Corners area, comprising portions of the states of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah. The NAIHS system provides health care services through federally operated facilities and tribally managed programs assumed under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. With an estimated patient population of approximately 240,000, the NAIHS system includes five federally operated Service Units, several Tribal Health Organizations, and one Urban Indian Organization health program.

CAPT Johnson has 29 years of experience working with Federal agencies, Tribes, and local governments. He began his IHS career in 1993 as an Environmental Health Officer for the Office of Environmental Health and Engineering in White Earth, Minnesota. Since that time, he has held multiple leadership roles in multiple IHS Areas, including 17 years of service on the Navajo Nation as Director of Environmental Health Services, Director of the Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Deputy Area Director, and Acting Area Director.

CAPT Johnson has a bachelor's degree in Environmental Health Management from East Central University and a Master of Public Health degree in Health Policy and Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

You can expect to see a formal vacancy announcement released in the near future, as we seek applicants to permanently fill the Area Director position. I look forward to working with Area Tribal Leaders throughout the recruitment process to ensure the newly selected leadership meets the needs of the Navajo Area.

Please feel free to reach out to CAPT Brian Johnson with any questions by e-mail at brian.johnson@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

Roselyn Tso
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