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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. DuWayne Begay to serve as the Director of the Navajo Area Indian Health Service (IHS). Mr. Begay is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. His clans are Tsin Sikaadnii (Clamp Tree clan) born for Tódich'i'nnii (Bitter Water clan) and he is originally from Window Rock, Arizona.

As the Director of the Navajo Area IHS, Mr. Begay 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 Navajo Area IHS 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. The Navajo Area IHS system includes five federally operated Service Units, several Tribal Health Organizations, and one Urban Indian Organization health program..

Mr. Begay has more than 31 years of experience working with Federal agencies, Tribes, and local governments. He began his IHS career in 1992 serving in a number of acquisition positions including Procurement Agent, Business Specialist, and as Senior Procurement Specialist for the Division of Acquisition Management, Navajo Area IHS. Since that time, he has served in multiple leadership roles within the Navajo Region Bureau of Indian Affairs as a Supervisory Contract Specialist, Regional Budget Officer, and Deputy Regional Director between 2014 and 2020. Mr. Begay returned to the Navajo Area IHS in 2020 and served as Chief Operating Officer and acting Deputy Chief Executive officer of the Gallup Service Unit, and subsequently transitioned to Area Executive Officer of the Navajo Area IHS from 2022 to 2023.

Mr. Begay has a Bachelor of Science with a business concentration in public service and a Master's degree in Management, both from the University of Phoenix, and a Ph.D. in psychology from Grand Canyon University, in Phoenix, Arizona.

I also want to thank CAPT Brian Johnson for his leadership in serving as the Acting Director of the Navajo Area IHS since October 2022.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Begay as the Director of the Navajo Area IHS.

Sincerely,

Roselyn Tso

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