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The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department issues statement on President Biden's nomination of Roselyn Tso to serve as head of the Indian Health Services

SANTA FE, NM – The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) on Friday issued the following statement in support of President Joe Biden's selection of Roselyn Tso, a member of the Navajo Nation and current director of the Navajo Area Indian Health Service (IHS) to serve as the head of the Indian Health Service across the United States.

"Today, we celebrate President Biden's selection of Roselyn Tso to serve as the new head of the Indian Health Service across the United States," said IAD Cabinet Secretary Lynn Trujillo. "During the height of the pandemic, I had the opportunity to work with Director Tso and witnessed her dedication to public health and her genuine and compassionate leadership. The IAD congratulates Director Tso on her outstanding achievements and looks forward to the future as IHS, which provides federal health care to approximately 2.6 million American Indians and Alaska Natives, continues to expand its services and benefit tribal communities across the country."

"Congratulations to Director Tso on her nomination to oversee IHS," said IAD Deputy Secretary Nadine Padilla. "Through her previous roles, she has demonstrated her commitment to the health and well-being of Indigenous people and her nomination by the Biden-Harris Administration is nothing short of historic. We look forward to her timely confirmation."

Tso is a member of the Navajo Nation and currently serves as the director of the Navajo Area Indian Health Service. She has held various roles within IHS since 1984, including Director of the Office of Tribal and Service Unit Operations for the Portland, Oregon area.

Tso's nomination as IHS Director is subject to confirmation by the United States Senate.

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