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**New Mexico Indian Affairs Department issues
statement on the passing of Edward T. Begay**

Santa Fe – New Mexico Indian Affairs Department Secretary Lynn Trujillo issued the following statement on Monday:

"I join Governor Lujan Grisham and the Navajo Nation in grieving the loss of Edward T. Begay, former Navajo Nation vice chairman and council speaker. Mr. Begay fought to establish the state's first gaming compact and was a prominent champion for legislative redistricting, which enhanced Navajo representation in New Mexico's State Legislature. As a government official, he was instrumental in incorporating traditional, customary, natural, and common law into the Navajo Nation Code.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones."

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