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The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department issues statement on President-Elect Biden’s selection of Congresswoman Debra Haaland to lead the US Interior Department

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) on Thursday issued the following statement in support of President-elect Joe Biden’s selection of Congresswoman Debra Haaland to lead the United State Department of the Interior:

“Today, we celebrate President-elect Biden’s selection of Congresswoman Haaland as the first Native American cabinet secretary for the United States Interior Department,” said Lynn Trujillo, Indian Affairs Secretary. “Congresswoman Haaland has been a shining example of public service in the United States Congress and will no doubt be a true champion for Indian Country as Interior Secretary. It is with a full heart that I congratulate Congresswoman Haaland on this tremendous accomplishment. Young native women and girls have a new role model today as we see a strong, indigenous woman take on this responsibility.”

“Congratulations to Congresswoman Debra Haaland for being appointed to serve as the first Native American Secretary for the U.S. Department of Interior. This is a historic moment for all Native Americans,” said Nadine Padilla, Indian Affairs Deputy Secretary. “Congresswoman Haaland exemplifies what it means to be a public servant, this new appointment is remarkable: her track record and depth of experience make her the ideal candidate. I look forward to continuing to work with Congresswoman Haaland as she moves into her new role.”

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