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New Mexico Indian Affairs Department Issues Statement on the Confirmation of Alvin Warren to AmeriCorps Board of Directors

SANTA FE, NM – The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) on Sunday issued the following statement in support of President Joe Biden’s selection of Alvin Harlyn Warren, a member of Santa Clara Pueblo to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency more commonly known as AmeriCorps.

“My heartfelt congratulations to Alvin and his family on his confirmation to the AmeriCorps Board of Directors,” said IAD **Cabinet Secretary Lynn Trujillo**. “Alvin has dedicated his life and career to being of service to others. He will be a voice and advocate for Indigenous people and communities. I’m proud to call Alvin a friend and colleague and I look forward to our work together.”

Background:

Mr. Warren is the ninth Native American confirmed by the U.S. Senate under the Biden Administration and will play a key role in setting policies and direction for the agency to carry out its mission of national service. Mr. Warren currently serves as Vice President of Career Pathways and Advocacy for the Los Alamos National Labs Foundation in Española, New Mexico.

The AmeriCorps State and National program awards grants to states and organizations to engage individuals in paid, sustained service to address local, regional, and national challenges. Last year, AmeriCorps invested nearly \$10 million in New Mexico and employed 6,700 Corps Members at 400 service sites, including schools, health clinics, veteran’s facilities, youth centers, food banks, and homeless shelters. New Mexico Corp Members also earned \$33.5 million in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards to help pay for their postsecondary education in 2021.

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Since 2003 the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) has implemented groundbreaking state-tribal policies intended to improve the quality of life for the state’s Native citizens. Our initiatives are designed to strengthen Tribal and state relations and address the challenges we face in our communities; challenges such as economic development, infrastructure improvement, the protection of our cultures and languages, health care accessibility, and educational opportunities for our most precious resource— our children. Learn more at www.iad.state.nm.us.