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### **Human Services Secretary Pamela Hyde Unanimously Confirmed by the New Mexico State Senate.**

*Santa Fe, January 28, 2003* – The Human Services Department has its first Senate-confirmed Cabinet Secretary in more than five years.

By a 38 to 0 vote this morning, the New Mexico State Senate approved Pamela S. Hyde, J.D. -- Governor Bill Richardson's nominee -- to run the large social services department.

Hyde is a nationally recognized human services and health care consultant, and she plans to build a better Human Services Department for the State of New Mexico. “**Access, Quality, and Accountability**, are three simple words that will mean so much for the one out of every three people in New Mexico receiving our services,” she said. “Greater **Access** to programs, better **Quality** in customer services and improved **Accountability** to tax payers are just the beginnings for building a better Human Services Department.”

Since 1996, Hyde has worked in Santa Fe as a Senior Consultant for the Technical Assistance Collaborative, Inc., a national, non-profit, housing, human services and health care consulting firm. From 1991 to 1993, she was the Director of Housing and Human Services for the city of Seattle, where she streamlined and consolidated the delivery of services for children, adults, and elderly individuals.

In 1990, Hyde was appointed as Director of the Ohio Department of Human Services, where she developed proposals for reforming Medicaid and child support enforcement. She also served as the Ohio Director of Mental Health from 1983 to 1990, where she focused on

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community support, drug and alcohol treatment and behavioral health systems reform. She holds a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and a B.A. from Southwest Missouri State University.

The Human Services Department serves more than 600,000 New Mexicans each month by administering several large state and federally funded programs, including Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Food Stamps and Child Support Enforcement services. The department employs 1,500 staff and has an annual budget of \$2.1 billion.

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