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## **Governor Bill Richardson Announces Pamela Hyde Nominated to Serve as Administrator of Federal Substance Abuse & Mental Health Agency**

**SANTA FE** - Governor Bill Richardson today congratulated New Mexico Human Services Department Secretary Pamela Hyde on her nomination to serve as the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U.S. Health and Human Services Department. President Barack Obama today announced his intent to nominate Hyde to serve as Administrator of federal agency.

“Hyde has been with my administration since day one and has been a tremendous asset for the people of New Mexico, providing greater access to quality resources they need to be successful in life,” Governor Richardson said. “She not only improved the services available through the Human Services Department but took on the task of improving and streamlining the way behavioral health services are administered in our state, something no other state has tried, much less accomplished.”

In December 2002, Governor Richardson named Hyde as the Secretary of the Human Services Department. She was unanimously confirmed by the New Mexico Senate in January, 2003.

Hyde has 30 years experience in management and consulting for public sector systems of health care and human services and has held several key public sector management positions, including those of a state mental health director, state human services director, and city housing and human services director.

Earlier this year, Hyde was honored with the American Medical Association’s top government service award for a career in public service, the Dr. Nathan Davis award, which she was nominated for by Governor Richardson.

Hyde will continue serving as Secretary of the Human Services Department until she is confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Governor Richardson has named Katie Falls to serve as Secretary-designate through the transition. Falls was named Deputy Secretary of the Human Services Department in January, 2006. She has been with the department since 2003 where she served as director

of the Income Support Division before being named Deputy Secretary. Ms. Falls also worked for the Department of Health from 1995 to 2001 where she served as the Deputy Director of the Division of Health Improvement. She also worked for Navajo Indian Health Services and Albuquerque Indian Health Services from 1990 to 1995.

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