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NM Human Services Department Secretary Katie Falls Gets Unanimous Confirmation from State Senate

Santa Fe, New Mexico – Today the New Mexico State Senate unanimously confirmed Kathryn "Katie" Falls as Secretary of the Human Services Department.

"Ms. Falls brings a wealth of experience in state government and I am honored to carry her nomination," said Senator Peter Wirth during today's Senate confirmation.

Governor Bill Richardson appointed Secretary Falls in November, 2009 to fill the vacant position and is pleased with today's vote of confidence by the State Senate.

"Secretary Falls has already proven to be a very strong leader as Secretary of the Human Services Department over the past few months," said Governor Richardson. "Her dedication to the core mission of the department, to reduce the impact of poverty on people living in New Mexico, is evident in everything she does."

Secretary Falls has been with the Human Services Department since 2003 where she served most recently as Deputy Secretary of Programs, and prior to that as the Income Support Division Director. Secretary Falls also worked for the Department of Health from 1995 to 2001, where she became Deputy Director of the Division of Health Improvement. She also worked for the Navajo Indian Health Services and Albuquerque Indian Health Services from 1990 to 1995.

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