

Indian Affairs Cabinet Secretary Kelly Zunie to step down

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SANTA FE —Gov. Susana Martinez announced July 12 that Department of Indian Affairs Cabinet Secretary Kelly Zunie will be stepping down to pursue other opportunities.

“Secretary Zunie has been a strong asset in building and growing our relationships with New Mexico’s tribes, nations and pueblos,” Martinez said. “Her leadership helped us work with Native American communities throughout the state to strengthen schools, improve healthcare and create more economic opportunities for all our families. Her skills and experience will be missed.”

Governor Martinez appointed Zunie as cabinet secretary in November of 2014, and she was the first woman to lead the Department. Since her appointment, the Administration continues to work with New Mexico’s tribes, nations and pueblos to make life better for Native American communities throughout the state.

“Being a part of Governor Martinez’s team in serving the people of New Mexico has been a wonderful opportunity,” Zunie said. “Her commitment to making our state better – for all our communities – is relentless, and I am so grateful for her leadership.”

Effective Friday July 14, Deputy Secretary Suzette Shiye will serve as acting cabinet secretary.

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