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Antoinette Vigil named Deputy Secretary of New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) is proud to announce that Antoinette Vigil has joined the department as Deputy Cabinet Secretary.

Vigil comes to ALTSD after serving as the Deputy Cabinet Secretary at the Tourism Department since 2019. She brings 20+ years of public service at the state, municipal and county levels, in varied levels of administration of projects and programs. In addition to her tenure at the Tourism Department, Vigil also served as a Director of Economic, Business and Tourism Development for Sandoval County and has worked with the state's Economic Development Department.

"I am grateful to continue working alongside Antoinette; we are a dynamic duo," said Secretary Designate **Jen Paul Schroer**. "Her time and work with me at the Tourism Department was steadfast and principled, and I have every faith in her ability to carry that over to best serve the Aging and Long-Term Services Department's constituents."

"When I give thought to my career growth and path, I seek to find inspiration in what I do and this new venture is an area I seek to invest in for myself and others," said Deputy Secretary **Antoinette Vigil.** "I am confident that I bring the right experience pivotal to the position. Aging affects patterns of economic growth for our communities, and I relish the opportunity to be a part of the team that is focused on providing adequate resources for older adults – in my book, this is another sector of meaningful work. I am pleased to be entrusted to lead alongside Secretary Schroer, as a member of the team to marshal the department's service forward."

Vigil started as Deputy Cabinet Secretary on Monday, September 4, 2023.

The New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) was established in 2004 to provide advocacy, support, and resources for seniors and adults with disabilities. The department oversees the state's Area Agencies on Aging to elevate the quality of care at senior centers, offers advocacy through the Long-Term Care Ombudsman volunteer program, and provides intervention through the agency's national award-winning Adult Protective Services. Additionally, ALTSD houses the state's Aging and Disability Resource Center, which offers options counseling, education, and connection to resources. For more information about ALTSD, visit <u>aging.nm.gov</u> or follow us on <u>Facebook, X (Twitter)</u>, and <u>Instagram</u> @NewMexicoAging.

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