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FRED MONDRAGÓN
CABINET SECRETARY DESIGNATE

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Economic Development Department Secretary Mondragón Confirmed by Full Senate

Senate voted unanimously in favor of confirmation today

SANTA FE, NM – By a unanimous vote of 34-0, the full New Mexico State Senate today confirmed the appointment of Fred Mondragón as Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Economic Development Department. Senator Dede Feldman, sponsor of Secretary Mondragón’s confirmation, noted that his résumé speaks for itself.

“I am pleased that the Senate has confirmed Fred Mondragón as Secretary of the Economic Development Department,” said Governor Bill Richardson. “Fred is the right choice as we continue our push to diversify New Mexico’s economy. He has the qualifications, ability and drive to continue attracting high-tech industries that will keep bringing good jobs to New Mexico.”

“In selecting Fred, Governor Richardson has chosen someone with the breadth of vision that is needed to lead New Mexico’s economy forward,” Senator Feldman said. Senator Steve Komadina thanked Secretary Mondragón for his willingness to serve the state, adding, “We are lucky to have someone like you in this position who is a native – who understands New Mexico – who has been a businessman and a legislator.”

“I am very honored and humbled to be asked to serve as Cabinet Secretary,” Secretary Mondragón told Senators. “My aim is to fulfill Governor Richardson’s vision of attracting high-tech industries that will keep bringing good jobs to our state, thereby improving the quality of life for generations of New Mexicans to come.”

Governor Bill Richardson nominated Secretary Mondragón as Secretary-Designate on May 2, 2007. Mondragón came to the Department from the Office of Economic Development, City of Albuquerque, where he served as Director for three years, and led such visionary projects as a sustainable economic development plan and a technology summit. Mondragón also participated in the recruitment or expansion of Tesla Motors, Verizon Wireless, Eclipse Aviation, Advent Solar, and Albuquerque Studios during his tenure with Albuquerque’s Office of Economic Development.

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Secretary Mondragón has more than 30 years experience in the public and private sectors, including more than 15 years in public administration and 15 years with the private sector. He has served as the chief executive officer (administrator) of the University of New Mexico Hospital, Regional Administrator of a major hospital system in New Mexico, and the Deputy Chief Administrative officer for the City of Albuquerque. Mr. Mondragón has also worked in the consulting and information technology field for two national system integration companies.

Secretary Mondragón served three terms in the New Mexico House of Representatives where he represented District 16 in the heart of Albuquerque's Rio Grande Valley. While serving in the Legislature, he was a member of the House Appropriations and Finance Committee, and was the first Chairman of the Higher Education Subcommittee. As a legislator, he specialized in tax issues, health care concerns, economic development, and higher education.

Additionally, Secretary Designate Mondragón served as Science Advisor to the Governor and was the founding chairman of the Governor's Science and Technology Commission under New Mexico Governor Toney Anaya. As CEO of Fred Mondragón and Associates, he specialized in technology transfer and changes to federal policies that make it simpler for businesses and government laboratories.

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