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### **NNABA APPLAUDS THE CONFIRMATION OF TONY WEST AS ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Phoenix, AZ. – The National Native American Bar Association applauds the confirmation of Tony West as Associate Attorney General by a vote of 98-1. As Associate Attorney General, which is the third-ranking position at the Department of Justice, West advises the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General on departmental policies and oversees the Department’s civil litigating divisions among other duties. West has distinguished himself in an acting capacity in this position for over a year.

West previously was confirmed as Assistant Attorney for the Civil Division, the largest litigating division at the Department.

“Tony West is a true public servant. NNABA applauds the confirmation of Tony West as Associate Attorney General and thanks him for his leadership on national security issues; rooting out waste and fraud, and abuse; and, of critical importance to NNABA, his work on behalf of tribal interests and Native Americans across the country,” said Mary Smith, NNABA President.

“NNABA looks forward to continuing to work with Associate Attorney General Tony West on critical issues affecting tribal communities such as implementation of the Violence Against Women Act,” said NNABA Immediate Past President Patty Ferguson-Bohnee.

Founded in 1973, NNABA serves as the national association for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian attorneys, judges, law professors and law students. NNABA strives for justice and effective legal representation for all American indigenous peoples; fosters the development of Native American lawyers and judges;

and addresses social, cultural and legal issues affecting American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.

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