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**NNABA APPLAUDS THE HISTORIC NOMINATION OF
DIANE HUMETEWA TO BE A FEDERAL JUDGE IN ARIZONA**

Phoenix, AZ. – The National Native American Bar Association applauds the historic nomination of Diane Humetewa to be a district court judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. If confirmed, Ms. Humetewa will be the first Native American woman in the history of our nation to serve on the federal judiciary.

Ms. Humetewa has had a distinguished career in public service. She is an enrolled member of the Hopi Tribe. She previously served as the Senate-confirmed U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona. Earlier in her career, she worked as an attorney on the U.S. Senate Indian Affairs Committee under then Chairman John McCain. Ms. Humetewa also worked in the U.S. Department of Justice and served as an Appellate Judge on the Hopi Appellate Court.

“NNABA applauds President Obama for the historic nomination of Diane Humetewa to the federal bench in Arizona. Ms. Humetewa’s stellar career, including as a federal prosecutor, will serve her well as the first female Native American ever appointed to the federal judiciary,” said Mary Smith, NNABA President.

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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