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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **State Senate Confirms Lupe Martinez as Corrections Secretary**

SANTA FE – The New Mexico State Senate unanimously approved the confirmation of Lupe Martinez as Secretary of the Corrections Department today.

“I am encouraged that the Corrections Department will be overseen by an individual with the vast wealth of experience that Secretary Martinez holds,” said Governor Susana Martinez. “I’m confident that her 25 years of public service will be a great asset and I look forward to working with the Secretary to make sure that New Mexico’s corrections system is operating with the highest level of safety, security, and efficiency.”

“It is truly an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve the citizens of New Mexico, a state and a country that has given me and my family so much,” said Secretary Lupe Martinez. “I want to give back. I realize that there will be many challenges and I look forward to working for the Department in this new capacity.”

Secretary Martinez graduated from New Mexico State University with a Bachelor of Criminal Justice and a Bachelor of Social Work in 1985. She started as a Classification Officer at the Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility and has held various positions working her way up for the past 25 years. Before accepting the nomination for Secretary of Corrections she was the Warden at the Western New Mexico Correctional Facility in Grants.

The New Mexico Corrections Department provides a balanced system approach to corrections from incarceration to community- based supervision with training, education, programs and services that provide opportunities for offenders to transition to communities.

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