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To: Esperanza Lucero, Administrative Office of the Courts

Re: Letter of Support for Regional Accountable Lead, Behavioral Health Investment and Reform Act (BHRIA)

Dear Administrative Office of the Courts,

As Governor of Pueblo of Zuni, I am pleased to express support for Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments to serve as the Accountable Lead for our behavioral health region under BHRIA.

We believe Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments is well-positioned to:

- Coordinate regional planning efforts in collaboration with counties, tribes, and local governments.
- Facilitate SIM/E-SIM mapping and identify service gaps.
- Engage stakeholders across health, justice, and community sectors.
- Support the development of a strong, community-driven behavioral health plan.

For these reasons, Pueblo of Zuni endorses Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments as the regional Accountable Lead and looks forward to partnering in the implementation of BHRIA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cordelia Hooee", written over a horizontal line.

Lt. Governor Cordelia Hooee, Official Designee for Governor Arden Kucate
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