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William “Bill” Mattiace Named Executive Director of the New Mexico Border Authority

SANTA FE — New Mexico Economic Development Department Secretary Jon Barela announced today that William “Bill” Mattiace was named executive director of the New Mexico Border Authority. Mattiace, who was appointed as deputy director of the New Mexico Border Authority in July, will replace Jim Creek, who retired on November 4. The motion to name Mattiace as director was approved by the New Mexico Border Authority board during its meeting Monday.

Mattiace is the former mayor of Las Cruces, serving in that capacity from 2003 to 2007. He currently serves as chairman for the city/county regional Vision 2040 Advisory Committee, and is a former member of the New Mexico Partnership and Spaceport Community Advisory Committee.

“Bill Mattiace has extensive experience with border issues and a strong background in economic development and job creation,” Secretary Barela said. “Since serving as deputy director and formerly as mayor of Las Cruces, he has built strong relationships with our Mexican counterparts and has the knowledge and ability to improve commerce and trade at the border in this new capacity.”

The New Mexico Border Authority is an executive branch state agency that provides leadership in the development of the state's international ports of entry as well as serving as the governor's advisor and point of contact for those interested in opportunities at the ports of entry. The agency also facilitates new infrastructure, trade opportunities, job opportunities, job training capabilities and many other activities that contribute to development of a productive economy along the New Mexico border.

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