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Biographical Statement of Keith O. Moore Director, Bureau of Indian Education U.S. Department of the Interior

Keith O. Moore, an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota, is the Director of the Bureau of Indian Education in the U.S. Department of Interior. He started in his new post on June 7, 2010. Reporting to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, the BIE Director is responsible for overseeing a federal school system that provides elementary and secondary education for 42,000 American Indian and Alaska Native children from federally recognized tribes, as well as overseeing the administration of two post secondary institutions, providing funding for 26 tribal colleges

and universities and two technical colleges, and operating higher education scholarship programs.

Prior to becoming the BIE director, Mr. Moore had served since August 2009 as the Chief Diversity Officer at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D. In that capacity, he served as principal advisor and coordinator of policies and programs aimed at achieving the university's diversity goals. Answering directly to the Provost, some of the projects he worked on while at USD have been the South Dakota Partnership for Teacher Quality (PTQ), the Race To the Top Proposal for South Dakota, and the American Indian University at Crazy Horse Memorial Monument.

The PTQ is intended to increase student achievement in K-12 schools by developing highly qualified teachers. The Race To the Top Proposal for South Dakota is another project he has worked on. Its primary goal is to connect the tribes and the state in a collaborative effort to develop a Native American Residential Science, Technology, Engineering and Math School. The American Indian University at Crazy Horse Memorial Monument is a summer program to take place in June 2010. Its purpose is to prepare individuals for the rigors of college, give accepted students introductory university courses that can be transferred to any regionally accredited college or university, offer paid internships at the Memorial, and to fulfill the mission of the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation.

On July 1, 2005, Mr. Moore was named Indian Education Director for the South Dakota State Department of Education, where he was a liaison between the Department and tribal education officials, BIE offices in Aberdeen, S.D., and Albuquerque, N.M., K-12 educators and the U.S.

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Department of Education's Office of Indian Education. During his tenure, projects he directed or was involved with included an Indian Education Summit, Indian Education Advisory Council in South Dakota, the National Indian Education Advisory Committee, the Indian Education Act of 2007 in South Dakota, the U.S. Department of Education Office of Indian Education National Conference, Project Director GEAR UP South Dakota (GUSD), I LEAD, South Dakota College Access Challenge Grant (SDCAC), and Core Concepts Planning Grant (CCPG).

Mr. Moore graduated in 1990 from Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., with a B.S. degree in Health and Physical Education/Social Sciences. He received a M.A. degree in Educational Administration from South Dakota State University-Brookings in 2002. He also holds a Governor Rounds' South Dakota Leadership Development Program Masters level certification and a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership from Montana State University-Bozeman (2009).

Mr. Moore is 43 years old and married with four daughters.

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