New Mexico Senate Republican Office

Release Tuesday, December 15, 2020 Contact: 505-400-8848

Diane Kinderwater Leaving

NM State Capitol after 26 Years

- **Kinderwater honored by the State Senate in February for her public service**
- **To produce and host TV program and teach professional development courses**

(Photos and captions attached below)

Santa Fe- **Long-time Director of Communications at the New Mexico state capitol, Diane Kinderwater, will be leaving the State Senate on December 31st after working in the state capitol for 26 years. Kinderwater** will continue to produce and host her public affairs television program at **KCHF-TV Channel 11** and to teach professional development courses at New Mexico State University's **E**ducation **D**esigned to **G**enerate **E**xcellence in the public sector program.

"We all think the world of Diane Kinderwater," Senate Minority Leader Stuart Ingle said. "We appreciate all she has done for the Senate Republican caucus and for the state over her illustrious career at the state capitol." (Ingle retains his leadership position until January 1, 2021)

Kinderwater had an extensive career in broadcast journalism and television production in **El Salvador and Guatemala in Central America and across the United States** before beginning her career in state government as the Press Secretary and then **Director of Communications for Governor Gary E. Johnson in 1995**. After serving in the Johnson Administration for two-terms, Kinderwater was offered various positions in the President George W. Bush Administration yet chose to remain in New Mexico to be the **Director of Communications for the Senate Minority Leadership office where she has been since 2002.**

Prior to working 26 years in New Mexico state government, Kinderwater was a television news anchor, news reporter, weathercaster, producer and an account executive for numerous television stations in Albuquerque, El Paso, Houston, Minnesota, Guatemala, and El Salvador, including: **KOB-TV; KOAT-TV; KLUZ-TV; KXLN-TV; KAAL-TV; and KDBC-TV.**

“Throughout my years at the state capitol, I appreciated that legislative and executive staff members, elected officials, and news reporters aspired in their unique way to improve and advance our state,” Kinderwater said. “I am grateful to have been able to work with dedicated elected officials like Governor Gary E. Johnson, Senate Minority Leader Stuart Ingle, Senate Minority Whips Bill Payne, Lee Rawson and Craig Brandt, Caucus Chair Steve Neville and all of the New Mexico State Senators and Chief Clerk Lenore Naranjo and her dedicated staff.”

Kinderwater said she will continue to promote the Land of Enchantment on her public affairs television program, “Issues and Answers with Diane Kinderwater” on KCHF-TV and said she will always be thankful to the talented and hard-working journalists from all over the state who have covered the news at the state capitol.

###

headshot of Diane Kinderwater)

Kinderwater was recognized during the 2020 legislative session in February by the New Mexico State Senate with a Certificate of Appreciation for her then 25 years of public service. (photos attached L to R- Dr. Richard W. Barker, friend, Diane Kinderwater, Director of Communications, Senate Minority Leadership Office; Senator Stuart Ingle, Senate Minority Leader, John Gasparich, former CEO of New Mexico Finance Authority and friend; former Governor Gary E. Johnson.)

Recent guest on KCHF -TV's "Issues and Answers with Diane Kinderwater" is Chairman of the Senate Public Committee Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino discussing the upcoming 2021 legislative session priorities, airing this December and January 2021.

Recent guest on KCHT-TV's "Issues and Answers with Diane Kinderwater" KKOB Radio Morning Host Bob Clark in the 2020 year- in- review program to air after Christmas.)

Governor Gary E. Johnson and Diane Kinderwater on Senate rostrum as Kinderwater is honored by State Senate-February 18, 2020)

After December 31, 2020 Contact: Dianekinderwater@yahoo.com and
Text 505-400-8848

###