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**MOYA TO HEAD FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION**

SANTA FE – New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department Superintendent Marguerite Salazar announced Thursday that Christopher Moya has been named director of the department’s Financial Institutions Division.

Moya will oversee a division responsible for preserving the safety and soundness of state chartered banks, independent trust companies, and state chartered credit unions. The division also licenses and supervises other financial establishments such as mortgage loan companies, small loan companies, collection agencies, and escrow companies.

“I am confident in his ability to play an important role in the banking and financial services industry,” Superintendent Salazar said. Christopher Moya understands the industry’s benefits to our state economy; he is skilled in bringing people together; and he has an understanding of and appreciation for the concepts of community, business and personal relationships.”

Moya began his career in Orange County, Calif., as a mortgage lender, before returning home to New Mexico to raise his family. He joined the Financial Institutions Division as a financial examiner in 2011, then was promoted to Consumer Industry Manager, where he oversaw the mortgage origination and escrow businesses operating in our state. Moya became deputy director, responsible for the budget and operations of the Division in 2013, and has been serving as acting director since 2016.

“I am honored to be named the director of the Financial Institutions Division. As the primary regulator for financial institutions operating here in New Mexico, I will work extensively to ensure the financial sector is sound while also ensuring that there are proper consumer protections in place. Having a healthy and sound financial sector is key in supporting economic development in our state,” Moya said.

Moya was raised in Tucumcari. He is a proud graduate of the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell. He holds an MBA from Eastern New Mexico

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University, a BA in Economics from California State University, and is a graduate of the Western States School of Banking program.

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