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### **John Hyrum Martinez Appointed State Records Administrator**

Stanley M. Hordes Ph.D., Chair of the Commission of Public Records announced today the appointment of John Hyrum Martinez as State Records Administrator. Mr. Martinez will direct the operations of the State Records Center and Archives (SRCA.) For the past ten years Mr. Martinez has served as Administrative Law Division Director of the SRCA.

Dr. Hordes said "I am very pleased with the appointment. Mr. Martinez brings a wealth of expertise to the position, drawing upon years of experience in the fields of archives, history, records management and administrative law. We live in very challenging times, and I am confident that Mr. Martinez will do an excellent job of ensuring that the agency will continue to fulfill its mission to preserve, protect, and interpret the documentary patrimony of the state of New Mexico."

Mr. Martinez was selected following a national search by the Commission of Public Records. He will replace Ms. Sandra Jaramillo who announced her retirement from state government effective December 1, 2011. Mr. Martinez will serve as Acting State Records Administrator from September 17 through November 30, 2011 and will assume his official duties as State Records Administrator on December 1.

"I am very happy for the opportunity to serve the people of New Mexico by facilitating the proper management and protection of public records. Our democracy relies on these important documents and the rights of people are defended by them," Martinez said.

Mr. Martinez is a Certified Archivist and has been with the SRCA for the last eleven years. He graduated from Brigham Young University Magna Cum Laude in 1994 with a BA in History and earned his MA in U.S. History from the University of Texas at Austin in 1996. He joined the staff of the SRCA in 2000 as an archivist. While at the state archives he was introduced to New Mexico state rules through the archives' collection of non-current rules. He was promoted to Administrative Law Division Director, shortly thereafter. Martinez was the recipient of the *Robert J. Colborn Jr. Innovation Award* in 2010, a national award recognizing New Mexico's on-line state rules training.