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STATEMENT BY WILMA L. VICTOR ON HER APPOINTMENT BY SECRETARY OF THE  
INTERIOR MORTON AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY FOR INDIAN AFFAIRS

During the many years I have worked in the Bureau of Indian Affairs I have witnessed many phases and much progress in service to Indian people. I believe that no era is as exciting or potentially beneficial to Indians as that of the "70's".

The Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian people are seeking new ways and new approaches which will be both realistic and progressive. I am pleased that I will have an opportunity to assist in carrying out the new policy which has been designed to make the Department and Bureau totally responsive to Indian needs.

It will be a pleasure and an honor to work with Secretary Morton and Deputy Under Secretary Rogers. I look forward to serving the American Indian and Alaska Native people in my new position.

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