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HALLETT TO TAKE OATH OF OFFICE AS THE 42ND  
COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Under Secretary of the Interior James A. Joseph announced today that the ceremonial installation of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs William E. Hallett, will be held on December 14, 1979, in Denver, Colorado.

Joseph will administer the oath of office to Hallett in a 10:00 a.m. ceremony at the Denver Marina Hotel. Denver was chosen for the ceremony because of its central location.

In addition to tribal leaders, attendance is expected from the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Forrest J. Gerard, BIA employees, the media, other Interior officials, and the general public.

Hallett, a Red Lake Chippewa, was nominated by President Carter on September 28, 1979, to be the 42nd Commissioner. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on November 16, 1979.

Hallett was born May 18, 1942 in Red Lake, Minnesota. He graduated in 1960 from the Red Lake Indian High School. After two years at Brigham Young University, Hallett completed studies for a Bachelor's degree in business administration at Bemidji State College, Minnesota in 1965. He did post-graduate work in public administration at the University of New Mexico under the HUD Career Education Program.

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