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BIA MINNEAPOLIS AREA DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED

George V. Goodwin, Jr., a member of the White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians, has been appointed Minneapolis Area Director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today.

The area includes the states of Minnesota, Michigan, Iowa and Wisconsin.

A swearing-in ceremony for Goodwin will be held December 18 at 1 p.m. in the Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis.

Goodwin has been Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe since February of 1973. In this position he was responsible for the planning, development and implementation of programs for economic and community development and for the administration of the tribal office.

Since 1965 Goodwin has worked in Indian community action programs in Minnesota and Washington, D.C. He is familiar with the Federal, State and local agencies working with Indian people in the area and has a personal knowledge of most of the tribal groups.

Goodwin, 33, has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Bemidji State College, Minnesota, and has done some graduate work toward a law degree.

Goodwin has been an officer in the National Congress of American Indians and a board member for the American Indian Management Institute and the Native American Rights Fund.

The 23 tribal groups served by the Minneapolis Area Office were consulted prior to Goodwin's selection.

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