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Interior's Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Eddie F. Brown today announced the appointment of Niles c. Cesar as Area Director, Juneau Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in Juneau, Alaska. "I am particularly pleased that Niles Cesar has joined us to manage the Juneau Area Office," Brown said. "Alaska issues are critically important, and Mr. Cesar's stature and experience will be of immense help to us." Cesar's appointment as Area Director begins September 23, 1990.

Brown noted Cesar's long and successful experience in a Native American service organization. "As the Bureau of Indian Affairs restructures itself to meet the challenges of the 1990's and the 21st Century, it is important to tap the talent of creative individuals such as Niles Cesar, who have leadership experience in Native organizations and tribal governments," Brown observed. "It is from tribal governments and tribal organizations that leadership on Indian issues in the future will originate."

Cesar, 49, a member of the Tlingit Tribe from Southeast Alaska, has a long record of service to Alaska communities. Currently, he is President of the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation (SEARHC). SEARHC is one of the largest Native American administered health care delivery systems in the United States, providing care to over 10,000 rural Alaskans.

In addition, Cesar was a member of the Sealaska Board of Directors, and a Council member of the Tlingit Haida Community Council. He has served as chairman of the Board of Directors of Goldbelt Inc., and chairman of the Association of Regional health Directors of Alaska. After retirin9 from the Navy as a Lieutenant, Cesar completed a B.S. degree in Environmental Health from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. prior to assuming his duties with SEARHC.
