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Richard Romero, a member of the Taos Pueblo Tribe, has been appointed Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Winnebago, Nebraska Agency. Commissioner Morris Thompson announced today that the appointment would be effective May 4.

Romero has been the Tribal Operations Officer for the Northern Pueblos Agency in New Mexico since 1971.

A Marine Corps veteran, Romero received his high school education at the BIA's Haskell Institute (now Haskell Indian Junior College). He graduated from East Central State College, Okla., with a BA in Education in 1956. He did post-graduate work at the University of New Mexico towards a Master's degree and in 1965 completed the Department of Interior's Management Training Program.

After two years of teaching in the Taos public schools, Romero began his career with the Bureau in 1962 as a teacher on the Navajo Reservation. He has held positions in education, housing and administration in Montana, Arizona and New Mexico.

Romero, who is married and has two sons and a daughter, will replace Robert Drew at the Winnebago Agency. Drew has been appointed an Area Director for the Indian Health Service.