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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson has announced the appointment of Joe M. Parker, a Chickasaw Indian, as Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tahlequah, Oklahoma Agency. Parker, who has been Acting Superintendent at the Agency since January 12, replaces Joe Ragsdale who has retired.

A native of Ada, Oklahoma, Parker graduated from East Central state College of Oklahoma in 1960 with a degree in economics and accounting. He worked as an Internal Revenue Agent until 1973 when he moved to the Bureau of Indian Affairs as an accountant in the Area Office at Muskogee, He subsequently was a Program Analyst and the Accounting Officer Oklahoma for the Muskogee Area.

Parker, 42, served four years in the United States Navy. He has twice received awards for sustained superior performance in his work