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NEWS ADVISORY

The following is a statement from United States Attorney Gregory J. Fouratt in response to the nomination today of Assistant United States Attorney Kenneth Gonzales for the position of United States Attorney:

More than two years ago, the federal district court bestowed on me the highest professional honor of my life. It has been my privilege to serve with the 155 men and women of the U.S. Attorney's Office as we did our part to secure the Southwest Border, bring justice to victims of crime, especially in Indian Country, and expose corruption in government. Across the spectrum of federal civil and criminal law, the office's accomplishments over the last two years have been extraordinary.

Ken Gonzales has been our colleague for more than ten years. He is an experienced prosecutor with a deep understanding of the challenges that confront federal law enforcement in New Mexico. Ken's background, collegiality, and integrity make him especially well-suited to lead our office at this important time. New Mexico should consider itself fortunate that Ken will be our next U.S. Attorney.

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