



**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COMMISSION FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS**



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Governor Names Member of the Commission for Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Mark Apodaca appointed to Commission Board for four year term..

Albuquerque, New Mexico – Governor Susana Martinez has named one member to the Commission for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Board.

Governor Martinez announced August 16th that she has appointed Mark Apodaca of Santa Fe.

Mark Apodaca is the New Mexico Association of the Deaf president and has served on the Commission board as an ex-officio member since 2007. He also serves as a member of the Commission finance and policy and procedures committees.

The seven-member commission is made up of three ex-officio members and four Governor appointees, and sets policies for the Commission for Deaf & Hard of Hearing.

About NMCDHH

The State of New Mexico Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing provides effective leadership, education, advocacy and programs to reduce barriers to the social, economic, educational, cultural and intellectual well-being of Deaf and Hard of Hearing New Mexicans and their families, friends and colleagues. For more information, visit www.cdhh.state.nm.us or call 1-800-489-8536.

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