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Director of Office of Loan Guarantee, Krisa M. Johnson to Retire June 29, 2024

From the Director's Desk:

It is with mixed emotions that I officially announce my retirement from HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP), as the Director of the Office of Loan Guarantee (OLG), effective June 29, 2024.

It has been an honor to serve Indian Country and work alongside so many dedicated housing practitioners over the course of the last 15 years. I am grateful for the opportunities I have had to learn from so many of you as we worked collaboratively to make the dream of homeownership a reality for many Native families.

I am equally proud of the work we have all done to advance the Section 184 program after 25 years, with updated regulations and a new Handbook providing clear guidance for using the program. These comprehensive updates will provide opportunities for new lending partners and existing Section 184 stakeholders to engage with Tribes and Tribal members as they pursue homeownership.

Effective Monday, April 22, 2024, ONAP will transfer daily OLG operations to Brian Cook. Brian has most recently served as the Director of ONAP Operations, and you may remember him from his previous role as an OLG underwriter. I will continue to play a leadership role in OLG policy development for the Section 184, Section 184A and Title VI programs during this transition. Additionally, I will continue to work on the new Section 184 Handbook and the Native Advantage system.

I have been privileged to work with amazing leadership and truly committed people at HUD and throughout Indian Country. Working with these programs that provide opportunities for Indian Tribes, Indian families, Alaska Native Villages and Corporations has been the highlight of my career. A special thanks to all who have welcomed me, informed me, and allowed me the personal growth only Indian Country can provide.

Thank you for your continued support of these critical HUD programs that serve Native communities. Wishing you all peace and prosperity.

Krisa M. Johnson