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JODI GILLETTE

Jodi Archambault Gillette, class of 1987, is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in North Dakota and South Dakota. Jodi currently advises the President on issues impacting Indian Country. Prior to her current post, she was the Deputy Assistant Secretary to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs for Policy and Economic Development in the U.S. Department of the Interior. Before joining the Assistant Secretary's staff, she served as the Deputy Associate Director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. She also served as the Associate Director of Public Engagement where she was responsible for the communication and interaction between tribal nations and the President of the United States. She was responsible for coordinating the White House Tribal Nations Conference in 2009 and 2010. At that time, President Barack Obama hosted tribal leaders from across the U.S. to identify actions to fulfill his commitment to strengthening the nation-to-nation relationship with American Indian and Alaska Native tribal communities.

Prior to that, Ms. Gillette served as executive director of the Native American Training Institute in Bismarck, a non-profit offering technical assistance and training to tribal, state and local governments in the area of human service delivery systems. She also served as an economic development planner for her tribe in Fort Yates, ND. Ms. Gillette holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Native American Studies from Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH, 1991, and a Master of Public Affairs degree from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs in Minneapolis, 2003.

Ms. Gillette has held and received numerous awards and honors during her career including the Tucker Fellowship, Rockefeller Fellowship, Lawrence Marx, Jr. Award and the Mellon Minority Academic Fellowship from Dartmouth. She served as president of the Native Americans at Dartmouth (1989, 1990), and was a Bush Foundation Leadership Fellow (2002-2004). Jodi has authored and co-authored a number of publications on American Indian child welfare research and Native American family service curricula.

Jodi is married to Rusty Gillette, also a Bismarck High School alumn. They have three children - Vance, Coral and George. Jodi enjoys dancing at pow-wows as well as watching her children play sports. Jodi's parents are Dave and Betty Archambault, Fort Yates, ND.

