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Acting Gov. Keith Miller Pleased at Confirmation of Secretary Hickel

JUNEAU—Acting Gov. Keith H. Miller issued the following statement on learning of Gov. Walter J. Hickel's confirmation as Interior Secretary.

"All Alaskans are proud and pleased at the appointment and confirmation of Governor Walter J. Hickel as Secretary of the

Interior. Governor Hickel's administration of the Interior Department will mark the beginning of a new chapter in America's understanding of its natural heritage and natural and human resources.

"I am greatly honored and
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humbled as I assume the great responsibilities of the governorship. I am heartened by the expressions of support I have received from Alaskans in every walk of life. With God's help and with the help of all of you, we will carry forward the programs and policies of progress that will provide a better life for Alaska's growing population.

"As my thoughts turn from the events in Washington, D.C. to the convening of the 6th Alaska legislature on Monday, I am convinced that a spirit of mutual cooperation will mark the deliberations of state government in the coming months."

Millers swearing in ceremonies will take place Friday at 4 p.m. in the superior court chambers on the fifth floor of the state capitol.

Chief Justice Buell Nesbett will officiate.