



## THE NAVAJO NATION

# Proclamation

### RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 10 - 16, 2021 AS "NAVAJO NATION WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD"

The Navajo Nation and the Department of Diné Education hereby recognizes April 10-16, 2021 as "Navajo Nation Week of the Young Child." We acknowledge the dedication and advocacy that our Navajo Nation Early Childhood Programs provide to our Diné children and families.

**WHEREAS**, Navajo Nations programs, such as Head Start, Child Care Development, First Things First, Women, Infant, Children (WIC) and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child™ as we continue to work to promote and inspire high quality early childhood experiences for our Navajo Nation's youngest citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers, care providers and others who make a difference in the lives of young children on the Navajo Nation deserve recognition and appreciation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation continues to persevere despite social ills that include substance abuse, alcoholism, child abuse, sexual assault, diabetes, suicide, and domestic violence which have been especially damaging to our children, relatives, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, we offer this proclamation to encourage all citizens of the Navajo Nation, from all denominations and walks of life, to offer prayers for the health and well-being of all *Diné*, so that we may restore balance and harmony in our homes and the lives of our people.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN NEZ**, President of the Navajo Nation, and **I, MYRON LIZER**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim the week of April 10-16, 2021 as "Navajo Nation Week of the Young Child."

PROCLAIMED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2021

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Jonathan Nez, *President*  
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Handwritten signature of Phefelia Nez in black ink.

Phefelia Nez, *First Lady*  
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Handwritten signature of Myron Lizer in black ink.

Myron Lizer, *Vice President*  
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Handwritten signature of Dottie Lizer in black ink.

Dottie Lizer, *Second Lady*  
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