



# The Navajo Nation - Office of the Speaker

# Proclamation

## *Recognizing and Supporting the Longest Walk 2*

**WHEREAS**, In 1978, in response to legislative bills in Congress that would have abrogated treaties for Indigenous Native Nations that protect remaining Native sovereignty, Native American activists and supporters marched 3,600 miles from California to Washington, D.C. in an extraordinarily successful grassroots effort that defeated said bills; and

**WHEREAS**, In February 2008, in celebration of the 30 years of the first Longest Walk, indigenous people and people from around the world will be recreating the feat, this time under the banner *All Life is Sacred – Save Mother Earth – Protect Sacred Sites*; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous peoples throughout the western hemisphere have lived in honor of Mother Earth and Father Sky. Our traditional Diné beliefs are deep rooted in the creation stories, songs, and prayers; and

**WHEREAS**, We recognize that the issue of sacred sites is an issue of freedom of religion and therefore must be defended and that all treaties dealing with the sovereignty of Indian Nations must be respected.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, The Navajo Nation – Office of the Speaker hereby endorses the Longest Walk 2 and urges the citizens of the Navajo Nation to support and participate in this significant occasion.

Proclaimed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2008.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence T. Moran".

LAWRENCE T. MORAN, SPEAKER  
THE 21<sup>ST</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL