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Navajo Nation Council Speaker Naize Welcomes Thousands to 28th Annual Gathering of Nations

Albuquerque event attracts people from all across North America

Albuquerque, NM — On Saturday, Navajo Nation Council Speaker Johnny Naize welcomed thousands of spectators and participants to the 28th annual Gathering of Nations Pow wow at the University of New Mexico Arena in Albuquerque, NM.

After hundreds of participants entered the arena for the afternoon Grand Entry, the program began with an invocation by the Office of the Speaker's own public liaison Darrell Tso, a traditional northern men's dancer.

Afterward, Speaker Naize took the platform and welcomed the packed arena audience.

“On behalf of the Navajo Nation I want to welcome all of you to this Gathering of Nations. Today we have thousands that have traveled from across the United States, Canada and the world for this annual pow wow.

I hope everyone had safe travels here to Albuquerque and I want to thank the mayor and the city council for their support and the many people affiliated with the Gathering of Nations organization for hosting this world-class event.

This event helps celebrate and preserve our culture and it's our culture that unites us as a people.

I also want to invite all of you to come visit us on the Navajo Nation. On behalf of the Navajo people and its leadership we look forward to meeting new friends.”

Prior to the event Speaker Naize met with Navajo arts and crafts vendors, college students and tribal members and their families who live off the Navajo Nation.

The Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow began in 1983 and has grown into North America's largest with more than 100,000 dancers spectators. The event also hosts the Indian Traders Market, which showcases hundreds of native vendors, and the annual Miss Indian World competition.



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