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## **Navajo President Shelly Signs Bills to Approve Alcohol Sale and Acceptance of Land**

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly signed two different legislative bills on Wednesday.

Legislation CJY-40-12 approves the sale of liquor at Twin Arrows Resort and Casino near Flagstaff and Antelope Point Marina near Page, Ariz.

In an otherwise dry reservation, the Navajo Nation has allowed the sale of the alcohol at two casinos previously.

“Alcohol is a sensitive subject, but in order to make our casinos and other businesses competitive, we need to allow alcohol sales at these select establishments. Allowing alcohol sales are restaurants is an economic decision because we want our business ventures to be successful,” President Shelly said.

President Shelly also signed Legislation CJY-42-12 accepts 45 surface acres from Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, which also gives the Navajo Nation mineral rights to 160 acres. In addition the legislation requests the Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar place the land into Navajo trust status.

“This is positive step for the Navajo Nation. We are gaining both surface and mineral rights to these lands. Now we are hoping Sec. Salazar will put these lands into Navajo trust so we can explore how best to use this land for our People,” President Shelly said.

The Navajo Nation Council passed both legislations during their summer session in July.

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