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## President Shelly encourages honor and love for Mother's Day



Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly and First Lady Martha Shelly share a message of love and honor for Mother's Day. They encourage a day of celebration and family for Navajo moms. Happy Mother's Day! (Photo by Rick Abasta)

WINDOW ROCK— Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly issued a statement on May 9 for Mother's Day 2014.

"On behalf of the Navajo Nation, I wish all mothers a happy and relaxing Mother's Day," President Shelly said.

Our mothers and women are the cornerstone of Navajo tradition and culture,

especially since we are matriarchal society, he noted.

Mother's Day is a time of honoring the love and teachings from our mothers.

"Our mothers are the first people to teach us, to care for us," President Shelly said. "They teach us the basics of life and the difference between right and wrong. They are

our first teachers.

"Respect your mothers and take the time to celebrate Mother's Day with them," he added.

This Mother's Day, do something special for your mom to let her know your appreciation and support for her parenting. Whether it's a barbecue, a trip to the movies or dinner at a special restaurant, show your

mom love for all she's done.

Happy Mother's Day!

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