



## THE NAVAJO NATION

# *Proclamation*

## IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF RUNNING FOR A STRONGER AND HEALTHIER NAVAJO NATION

WHEREAS, Running for a Stronger and Healthier Navajo Nation is an eight-day relay run across the Nation from July 25 to August 1, 2015 to bring awareness to the dangers of diabetes, obesity and other chronic illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Running for a Stronger and Healthier Navajo Nation is in its fifth year to promote a healthy and active lifestyle for all Navajos and unite tribal communities in health prevention and intervention; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President, along with the Navajo Nation Special Diabetes Project, through the Department of Health, has worked together to promote healthy living, exercise and proper diet through Running for a Stronger and Healthier Navajo Nation; and

WHEREAS, about 90 percent of the 110 chapters of the Navajo Nation have been reached during Running for a Stronger and Healthier Navajo Nation relay run since 2011, and the goal is to run through all 110 communities; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Running for a Stronger and Healthier Navajo Nation will travel through 28 Navajo communities in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah; and

WHEREAS, more than 14,000 participants have been involved in Running for a Stronger and Healthier Navajo Nation since its inception in 2011, and Navajo Nation Executive Branch divisions have assisted with the movement; and

WHEREAS, The Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President encourages all tribal employees to participate in the Running for a Stronger and Healthier Navajo Nation relay and run and take time off from work to participate in the movement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RUSSELL BEGAYE AND JONATHAN NEZ, President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation hereby proclaim that the Navajo Nation declares support and participates in the Running for a Stronger and Healthier Navajo Nation wellness campaign from Saturday, July 25 through Saturday, August 1, 2015.**

**PROCLAIMED THIS 25 TH DAY OF JULY 2015**

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**Russell Begaye, President**  
**THE NAVAJO NATION**

Handwritten signature of Jonathan Nez in black ink.

**Jonathan Nez, Vice President**  
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