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PRESIDENT BEGAYE AND VICE PRESIDENT NEZ CONGRATULATE PRESIDENT-ELECT DONALD TRUMP ON VICTORIOUS CAMPAIGN

WINDOW ROCK, ARIZ-President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez congratulate President-elect Donald Trump and Vice President-elect Michael Pence for securing their victory in the 2016 Presidential Election.

The Office of the President and Vice President would like to also congratulate Presidential Candidate Senator Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine for their hard-fought campaign in the election.

“In President-elect Trump’s victory speech last night, he spoke of unity, stating that now is the time for all Americans to come together despite political party delineations. He told the nation that he will be a president for all Americans. For us as Native American tribes, this is very important,” President Begaye said. “We need to have faith that the Trump-Pence administration will continue to work with tribes on a nation-to-nation and government-to-government basis with the impetus of moving legislations forward that consider the best interests of tribal nations.”

President elect-Trump addressed infrastructure issues in rebuilding the nation’s highways, schools and hospitals. He also spoke about taking care of the nation’s veterans. Both issues are encompassed in the Begaye-Nez administration’s Four Pillars.

“The race for the 2016 Presidential Election has been contentious. As the votes have been tallied and the Trump-Pence administration has proved victorious, it is now time for tribal nations to step up and hold this administration accountable for working together in a unified manner,” Vice President Nez said. “The Navajo Nation consistently works toward the same goals of successful economic development to improve our economy. We face the same issues of needed infrastructure development, an improved educational system and effective care of our veterans. We look toward this incoming administration to work with us to improve these and many other areas that affect the Navajo Nation.”

Before concluding his victory speech, President-elect Trump said his administration will always put America’s interests first while dealing fairly with all, including foreign nations.

“We will seek common ground not hostility, partnership not conflict,” he said.

The president and vice president look forward to enhancing tribal consultation with the Trump-Pence Administration as they take office in 2017.

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