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PRESIDENT BEGAYE AND VICE PRESIDENT NEZ HONOR ALL WOMEN ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

WINDOW ROCK – President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez celebrate all Women on International Women's Day.

"Holding women in high regard is inherent in Navajo culture. Navajo women are the backbones of our families and traditional societies. The significance of a woman's role is exemplified in how our clan system is structured," said President Begaye.

For everything you do for your families, communities, and nation we say thank you. Through your words of encouragement, many of us would not be in the positions we are today, he said.

"We encourage you to visit with your grandmothers on this day. It is because of them and their prayers that we are all still here. Remember those that have gone on as their examples of courage and strength are forever ingrained in our minds as we continue forward," said Vice President Nez.

"Today we honor all indigenous women who continue the fight to protect and honor Mother Earth. As the dominant society continues to attack and belittle the feminine our women are coming together to fight for their children and communities," said Council Delegate Amber Crotty.

The Office of the President and Vice President pay tribute to the late Annie Dodge Wauneka for her work to improve the health and welfare for many of our Navajo people.

Through her leadership and determination to provide the best for our Navajo people, she inspired many of our young people and continues to be the driving force for change on the Nation. Wauneka is also the only Navajo to receive a Presidential Medal of Freedom.

"On this day, we encourage our future generations of female leaders to push the boundaries of education and traditional knowledge in driving groundbreaking change within your families and communities," said President Begaye. "We are all forever grateful for our life-givers on the Navajo Nation."

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