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**President Nez and Vice President Lizer congratulate Honorable
Seth Damon for selection as Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council**

WINDOW ROCK – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer congratulate Honorable Seth Damon on being selected by his colleagues to serve as the Speaker of the 24th Navajo Nation Council. With 14 supporting votes, Honorable Damon was selected to serve a two-year term as the Speaker on the opening day of the 2019 Winter Council Session.

“On behalf of the Nez-Lizer Administration, congratulations to Speaker Seth Damon and his family. We look forward to building a positive relationship with Speaker Damon and the entire 24th Navajo Nation Council,” said President Nez. “Working together, we will continue to strengthen governance and leadership to serve the Navajo people.”

Speaker Damon is from is Bááháálí, N.M., and is Bit’ahnii and born for Naaneesht’ézhi Táchii’nii. His maternal grandfather is Áshjǫ́híí and his paternal grandfather is Tsénahabiłnii. During his first term, he served as the chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.

President Nez noted that the Nez-Lizer Administration recently shared its priorities with Speaker Damon and members of the Council and look forward to advocating together to benefit the Navajo Nation.

“Unity is the key to address all the challenges and barriers. Our issues and concerns are very challenging, but helping each other can make every day a little better than the day before. Together, we can move toward positive change,” said Vice President Lizer.

President Nez and Vice President Lizer also extended their appreciation to the other nominees who sought the Speaker position on Monday, which included Council Delegates Jamie Henio, Edmund Yazzie, and Amber Kanazbah Crotty.

“We thank all of the Council members who offered their leadership and we commend you for serving our Nation,” added President Nez.

Speaker Damon was administered the oath of office by Chief Justice JoAnne B. Jayne following the votes of the Navajo Nation Council.

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