Proclamation

OBSERVING WILDLAND FIRE AWARENESS WEEK
APRIL 17 TO APRIL 23, 2011

WHEREAS, the number and severity of Wildland Fires continues to increase across the Southwestern United States, posing a threat to life, property and vital natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation's own communities extend into this Wildland Urban Interface; and the threat of Wildland Fires is greater in areas of increased fuel load, which has been made even more dangerous from years of attack from insects and disease in our forest, woodlands and rangelands; and

WHEREAS, Wildland Fire does not recognize boundaries, making it critically important for emergency responders and the public to work together to prevent Wildland Fires; and

WHEREAS, the risk of Wildland Fires can be reduced through fire-safe awareness and behavior practiced by those who live, work and recreate within the Nation; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Nation and its visitors share the responsibility to reduce the Wildland Fire threat and protect our communities, and we must all do our part to remember that Wildland Fire has now become a part of where we live and how we live here on the Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I BEN SHELLY, PRESIDENT OF THE NAVAJO NATION, HEREBY PROCLAIM from April 17, 2011, until April 23, 2011, as:

WILDLAND FIRE AWARENESS WEEK

PROCLAIMED THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL 2011

Ben Shelly, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

Omar Bradley, *Regional Director*
THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS