Yáát'ééh, on behalf of the 21st Navajo Nation Council and the Navajo Nation government, I extend warm holiday greetings to you and your loved ones.

During this special time of the year, let us remember the joys of the holiday season. Let us take this time to celebrate our time together with family and friends, and to also reflect upon the many memories of the past year.

The holiday season is a time to rejoice and thank the Creator for the many blessings that we have received. Let us remember those who are less fortunate as well, let us be committed to reaching out to them and help them in their time of need. Let us also remember those who have lost loved ones and let us support them during this time.

Let us share the joys of this season by visiting family and friends, by visiting our Navajo elderly, by donating gifts to toy drives, by contributing to local food pantries, by spreading good cheer throughout our communities and by filling memories of children with laughter and holiday cheer this season.

Let us remember our young warriors in the armed forces that have answered the call of duty, they are the ones defending peace around the world and are the ones spending time away from their families.

Let us remind our young warriors that they are heroes and they are in our hearts and prayers this holiday season. Let us remind them that their loved ones have the gratitude of the Navajo Nation for the dedicated service and sacrifices they are making.

Let us continue to pray for our warriors and their families, and may our prayers guide them home safely. We look forward to their safe and quick return home.

I wish everyone a happy, safe and joyous holiday season.