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Council to donate turkeys to Navajo Nation senior centers

WINDOW ROCK – For the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, the Navajo Nation Council will be donating turkeys to 82 senior centers across the Navajo Nation, to support elderly programs that work and care for Diné senior citizens.

The Navajo Nation Office of the Speaker is collaborating with the Navajo Area Agency on Aging to distribute the turkeys to the senior centers in all five Navajo Agencies.

Speaker Pro Tem LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse’Daa’Kaan, Upper Fruitland) stressed the importance of caring for Navajo elderly through the NAAA program.

“The Navajo elderly are the vessels to our cultural heritage, knowledge, and language,” said Pro Tem Bates. “It is our responsibility to care for the elders and ensure that we can aid programs that support this effort.”

Pro Tem Bates commended NAAA staff for providing services to Navajo elderly on a daily basis, adding that it is a challenging job that takes a special type of work force to carry out the job efficiently.

Council Delegate Jonathan Hale (Oak Springs, St. Michaels) also expressed gratitude to the Navajo elderly for their valuable contribution in promoting cultural knowledge in Navajo homes.

“Aside from the many issues that face the Navajo people, here is but a small token of appreciation and thankfulness to the elders for their teachings and perseverance to their families for carrying on Navajo traditions,” said Delegate Hale.

Senior center representatives are asked to contact Bernita Wheeler at NAAA at (928) 729-4520 to make arrangements to pick up the turkeys.

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