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President Shelly addresses the Arizona Centennial
Indian Village

PHOENIX- President Ben Shelly promoted Navajo
tourism at opening ceremonies at the Arizona Best Fest on
Saturday in honor of the Arizona Centennial Indian
Village.

“We are continuing to educate people about who the
Navajo people are through sharing our culture. Tourism
offers the opportunity for visitors to visit our homeland,”
President Shelly stated to more than 200 people in
attendance.

The Arizona Centennial Indian Village provided the
opportunity to teach and share the rich culture and history
of American Indian tribes in Arizona.

“Arizona has a rich history because Native American
tribes have been here before statehood. Before Arizona
became a state, it was a territory. We have elders who are
close to 100 years old and to me, that is an amazing
history,” President Shelly said.

President Shelly said he wants the Navajo Nation to continue progressing.

“We progressed with the State of Arizona and we are continuing to progress forward as a
Nation,” President Shelly added.

The Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation Parks and Recreation, the
Navajo Nation Museum and Navajo Nation Tourism, in a joint effort, built a female and male
hogan as well as displayed the Chilchinbito rug. Demonstrations of hair tying, corn grinding and
weaving were also on display.

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