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Navajo President Shelly Urges Navajo People to Vote and Grants Leave for Executive Branch Workers

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.—Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly granted eight hours of administrative leave on Election Day, Nov. 6, to Navajo Nation executive branch employees to vote in local, county, state and national elections.

In accordance with the Navajo Personnel Policies Manual, Administrative Leave and Time Off for Voting, grants two hours of administrative leave. President Shelly added an additional six hours off to vote.

“This is an important election for our Navajo people. From the federal, state, county and chapter level, we will vote for people who will directly have influence on the future of lives and that of our children. So, the Navajo Nation needs every Navajo vote to count. I am granting leave to make it possible for Navajo workers to exercise their freedom to vote as well assist your community with locating polling sites and transportation to polling sites. It is our civic duty as citizens of the Navajo Nation and the United States to exercise that freedom of voting,” President Shelly said.

The Navajo Nation relies on external funds for direct services through education, healthcare, public safety, transportation, infrastructure and social services. Direct service funding will be impacted by the State and Federal elections over the next several years.

“We need a large voter turn out on the Navajo Nation. We need to assure our voice is heard, not only at the local level but at the national level as well.” President Shelly stated.

The Navajo Nation Washington Office website hosts a congressional voter guide which can be accessed at www.nnwo.org. Other Navajo Nation Election information can be found at <http://www.navajoelections.navajo-nsn.gov>.

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