



THE NAVAJO NATION

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**MEDIA ADVISORY: NAVAJO NATION TO SIGN MOU WITH STATE OF ARIZONA  
REGARDING VETERAN SERVICES**

WHO: The Navajo Nation and the Arizona Department of Veteran Services

WHAT: The Navajo Nation has come to a historic agreement with the state of Arizona in signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Nation and the Arizona Department of Veteran Services. The Begaye-Nez Administration is continuing their advocacy of Navajo Veterans affairs as a priority pillar of their administration. Earlier this year the Begaye-Nez Administration led Indian Country by establishing the first high-level government authority for veterans. This MOU will allow Navajo Nation Veterans Administration staff to be trained, certified and work for the Navajo Nation, while under the umbrella of the Arizona Department of Veterans Services accreditation with the United States Veterans Administration. Director Wanda Wright of Arizona Department of Veterans Services and President Russell Begaye are working to address barriers in reaching the underserved veterans of the Navajo Nation.

WHERE: Doyle –Rees Room, High Country Conference Center, 201 West Butler Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

WHEN: Friday, Jun. 24, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

WHY: To ceremonially celebrate and acknowledge this MOU between the Navajo Nation and the State of Arizona

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