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Media Advisory: Press conference on the donation of an original U.S. - Navajo Treaty of 1868 document to the Navajo Nation

WINDOW ROCK – On May 29, 2019, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, Vice President Myron Lizer, 24th Navajo Nation Council Speaker Seth Damon, and Chief Justice JoAnn B. Jayne will hold a press conference to speak about the significance of the donation of an original copy of the Navajo Treaty of 1868.

On June 1, 1868, three copies of the Treaty of 1868 were issued at Fort Sumner, N.M. One copy was presented to the U.S. Government, which is housed in the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington D.C. The second copy was given to Navajo leader Barboncito – its current whereabouts are unknown.

The third unsigned copy was presented to the Indian Peace Commissioner, Samuel F. Tappan. The original document is also known as the “Tappan Copy” is being donated to the Navajo Nation by Clare “Kitty” P. Weaver, a descendant of Samuel F. Tappan, who was the Indian Peace Commissioner at the time of the signing of the treaty in 1868.

The treaty will be unveiled during a public ceremony on June 1, 2019 at the Navajo Nation Museum. The public will be able to view the treaty from June 1st to the 8th.

WHO: Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, Vice President Myron Lizer, 24th Navajo Nation Council Speaker Seth Damon, Chief Justice JoAnn B. Jayne, and N.M. Department of Cultural Affairs Secretary Debra Garcia Y Griego.

WHAT: Press conference on the donation of an original Navajo Treaty of 1868 document to the Navajo Nation.

WHERE: Navajo Nation Museum in Window Rock, Arizona

WHEN: Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 9:00 a.m. (DST)

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