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**Nez-Lizer applaud Family Dollar's withdrawal of
liquor license applications for St. Michaels and Tuba City**

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer commend the Navajo people for taking a strong stance against Family Dollar's attempts to secure liquor licenses from the Arizona State Liquor Board to sell alcohol at their existing retail stores located in the Navajo communities of St. Michaels and Tuba City, which resulted in the recent withdrawal of the liquor license applications.

"Our Navajo people took a strong position to oppose the liquor licenses and we also had the support of Coconino County and Apache County officials as well. This collective effort resulted in the withdrawal of the liquor license applications, which posed a direct threat to the health and safety of the residents of St. Michaels, Tuba City, and the entire Navajo Nation. Our Navajo People have a long, ongoing battle with alcohol and the devastation that alcoholism causes to our families and communities. Consumption of alcohol has contributed to increased incidence of domestic violence and other criminal activity, motor vehicle fatalities, and deaths caused by exposure to extreme weather conditions," stated President Nez.

On June 23, President Nez and Vice President Lizer issued a letter to the Arizona State Liquor Board and the Apache County Board of Supervisors in which they strongly opposed Family Dollar's notice of application to sell alcohol in their store located on fee land in the community of St. Michaels, Ariz. In April, they also wrote to the Coconino County Board of Supervisors requesting their support to oppose the application for a liquor license for the store located in Tuba City, Ariz.

"This is a win for our communities and for all Navajo families that live in the vicinity of these businesses. I believe all businesses have a duty to consider the health and well-being of their customers and the communities in which they sell their products. I commend Family Dollar for responding to the concerns and opposition of the Navajo people and withdrawing their applications," said Vice President Lizer.

On July 12, President Nez and Vice President Lizer also approved Navajo Nation Council resolution CJY-55-20, opposing the liquor license application for the Family Dollar store in St. Michaels.

"We appreciate the 24th Navajo Nation Council's support for the health and well-being of our communities. Family Dollar needs to remember that the Navajo people are the primary customers

that contribute to all of the revenue of these two businesses. This issue should not come up again. We do not want alcohol sold at these establishments,” said President Nez.

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