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President Nez and Vice President Lizer issue proclamation in observance of "Navajo Nation Day of Prayer"

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Thursday, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer issued a proclamation, recognizing Nov. 13, 2020, as "Navajo Nation Day of Prayer," in observance with *Ghááji'*, a shift in the season to reflect on renewal and unity for the Navajo people. The recognition calls upon the Navajo people to pray for Navajo communities, frontline warriors, and the Nation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"On Navajo Nation Day of Prayer, let's join together and turn to prayer to help guide us through these uncertain times. Although we cannot join together in churches, ceremonies, and other places of worship in person, we should continue to seek strength, hope, and comfort through our prayers. I ask our people to pray for all our people who have been affected by the virus, including our elders, vulnerable populations, survivors, frontline warriors, and volunteers," said President Nez.

The proclamation states, "*Tsodizin t' ei Bee Honit' i'*, to encourage all people, from all beliefs, to pray in earnest as their faith directs them" and "we enter into this new season with proper preparation, planning, and prayers for life's uncertainties, while we reflect on our personal experiences and seek guidance through spiritual well-being and pray for harmony, spiritual healing, and resiliency to overcome adversities, especially in our fight against COVID-19."

"Prayer is an important part of strengthening our faith. It is an act of worship, and it offers reflection, guidance, and comfort. Prayer brings healing and hope, and there is no problem too big for God to handle. We must pray for those on the frontlines, including our medical professional, community health representatives, and first responders, who work tirelessly to protect all of us. We are not alone because we are all children of God," said Vice President Lizer.

The proclamation also states, "the Navajo Nation recognizes the hardships, sacrifices, and losses that the Navajo people face and we pray for all frontline warriors who put themselves on the line for our safety" and "the Navajo people are grateful for those who have dedicated their lives to providing hope and vision for a healthy Nation, we pray for those in public service, we pray for wisdom, humility, and knowledge to move our Nation forward."

The Navajo Nation Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services began hosting several online events for Navajo Nation Day of Prayer on November 12 and November 13. President Nez provided a welcome address to begin the virtual event on Thursday. Vice President Lizer will participate in the events on Friday. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/nndbmhs/>.

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THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

**RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 13, 2020
AS “NAVAJO NATION DAY OF PRAYER”**

THE NAVAJO NATION recognizes Ghááji’ as a shift in the seasons and a time of renewal and calls upon the Navajo people to join in prayer for our communities, our frontline warriors, and our entire Nation during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo people say, “T’sodizin t’ei bee honit’i” to encourage all people, from all beliefs, to pray in earnest as their faith directs them; and

WHEREAS, we enter into this new season with proper preparation, planning, and prayers for life’s uncertainties, while we reflect on our personal experiences and seek guidance through spiritual well-being and pray for harmony, spiritual healing, and resiliency to overcome adversities, especially in our fight against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation recognizes the hardships, sacrifices, and losses that the Navajo people face and we pray for all frontline warriors who put themselves on the line for our safety; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo people are grateful for those who have dedicated their lives to providing hope and vision for a healthy Nation, we pray for those in public service, we pray for wisdom, humility, and knowledge to move our Nation forward; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation encourages everyone of all faiths to participate in the Navajo Nation Day of Prayer for our Nation to remain strong and resilient; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN NEZ, President of the Navajo Nation and **I, MYRON LIZER**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation do hereby proclaim November 13, 2020 as Navajo Nation Day of Prayer.

PROCLAIMED THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020

Handwritten signature of Jonathan Nez in black ink.

Jonathan Nez, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

Handwritten signature of Myron Lizer in black ink.

Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
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