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Navajo Nation honors and thank all educators with “Navajo Nation Teacher Appreciation Week” recognition

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer issued a proclamation on Monday, recognizing May 2 – 6, 2022, as “Navajo Nation Teacher Appreciation Week” to honor and thank school teachers, educators, and parents who dedicate their time and commitment to providing a long-lasting positive impact in the lives of Navajo children and students across the Navajo Nation.

“During the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers and parents continue to go above and beyond to support and educate our Navajo children despite the challenges they’ve encountered. When students had to adapt to virtual learning, many of them were home with their elders learning our way of life teachings and our language. Some took care of livestock and learned about farming from their parents and grandparents, and they got to hear and speak our language in the process. It was a real-life language immersion program for many of our children and we hope that it can continue on in more of our classrooms. Our teachers and educators continue doing a great job exemplifying T’áá Hwó Ají Téego, or self-reliance and self-determination, in the classrooms and with the lessons that they pass down to students. Those teachings are valuable and contribute to their quality of life and the future of our Nation. Now, more than ever, it is important that we take the time to say ahe’hee, thank you. Our teachers are doing their very best and changing the lives of many,” said President Nez.

The proclamation also recognizes and offers appreciation to all parents and grandparents who homeschool their children and continue to teach the Navajo language, culture, and tradition.

“Parents and grandparents are the first teachers in the lives of our children. We appreciate all who work at home and find time to teach English, math, and science to their children. Learning is a lifelong process that requires great commitment, especially from those who devote themselves to educating others. To our grandmothers and grandfathers, we thank you for passing along the teachings that make our Diné people strong and prosperous to this day,” stated First Lady Phefelia Nez.

The proclamation also states that the Nation’s teachers instill the teachings of our great leaders and ancestors, and emphasizes the importance of education to create a better future for the Navajo people and communities.

“Our Nation’s teachers have created warm and welcoming classrooms for children during the pandemic and they serve as a pillar of strength in our communities. Second Lady Dottie Lizer and I are very thankful to have dedicated educators who create opportunities to unlock the hearts and minds of our children, so they can prosper and help our people years and generations down the road. Thank you for being the superheroes, role models, and mentors within each of our communities, especially in the midst of this worldwide pandemic,” said Vice President Lizer.

National Teacher Appreciation Week is recognized across the country from May 2 – 6, 2022.

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THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING MAY 2 - 6, 2022 AS

“NAVAJO NATION TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK”

WE honor and recognize our parents as our first teachers and we owe special recognition to our school teachers, who work tirelessly to give our children a view of our world, both modern and traditional. To our parents and our school teachers we offer our appreciation for everything you do for our children and students, particularly in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. You have gone above and beyond to ensure that all educational opportunities continue for our Nation and our children.

WHEREAS, our Navajo Nation’s teachers work hard to make a lasting positive impact on the lives of Diné students, so they may achieve the highest levels, academically, and professionally; and

WHEREAS, our Nation’s teachers fill many important roles as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and

WHEREAS, our Nation’s teachers instill the teachings of our great leaders and ancestors who emphasized the importance of education as a means to creating a better future for our Diné People and communities; and

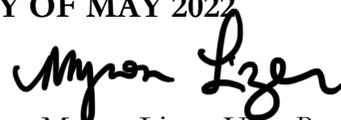
WHEREAS, our Nation’s teachers help our Diné people to revitalize and preserve traditional, cultural teachings, and our sacred Diné language in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, our Nation’s teachers have the tremendous responsibility of caring and having compassion for students at every level of academics to foster their success in the classroom and in their personal lives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN NEZ, President of the Navajo Nation, and **I, MYRON LIZER**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim May 2 – 6, 2022 as “Navajo Nation Teacher Appreciation Week” throughout the Navajo Nation.

PROCLAIMED THIS 2nd DAY OF MAY 2022


Jonathan Nez, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION


Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
THE NAVAJO NATION