NAVAJO NATION FY 2011 BUDGET SIGNED BY PRESIDENT SHELLY

Window Rock, AZ—In an effort to keep tribal direct services operating across the Navajo Nation, President Shelly worked with the Navajo Nation Council and signed the FY 2011 Comprehensive Budget yesterday.

“The Nation was operating on 45% of its 2010 annual budget through the Continuing Resolution, which was compromising direct services to our Navajo people,” said President Shelly. “Continuing to operate at this funding level was unacceptable because it restricted programs in the delivery of vital services.”

The budget resolution signed by President Shelly stated the FY 2011 general fund budget totals $152.9 million compared to $176.6 million for FY 2010 resulting in a $23.6 million reduction.

Some of the amendments made by the Council directed $4.6 million from the Personnel Lapse Fund to be used for chapter official raises, district grazing committees and farm board, and the eastern land board.

The Council also reallocated $350,000 from the Navajo Nation’s Parks and Recreation and an additional $350,000 from the Personal Lapse Fund to the Navajo Area Agency on Aging.

President Shelly did not exercise his line item veto yesterday, but will continue to monitor corrective actions made by the Office of the General Auditor’s office regarding all budget issues.

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