



THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE NAVAJO COURT SYSTEM

“Diné Bigóóldi hastádiin nááhaidéé’ nát’áá’ nánílǫ.”

WHEREAS, the Navajo People have had a dispute resolution system since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 1958, through Resolution No. CO-69-58, the Navajo Tribal Council had the foresight to declare that the courts of justice existing on the Navajo Indian Reservation are courts of the Navajo Tribe; and

WHEREAS, through the same resolution, effective April 1, 1959, the Navajo Tribal Courts of Indian Offenses established by the Department of Interior were abolished; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation has continued to operate its own court system from that day forth; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation judicial system has grown to encompass 11 judicial districts, a Supreme Court and a Peacemaking Program that observes our traditional form of dispute resolution; and

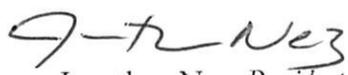
WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation court system has become known as the preeminent indigenous dispute resolution system in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo courts recognize their sacred duty to educate the People on Diné Bi Beehaz’áanii and to protect the sovereignty of the Navajo Nation.

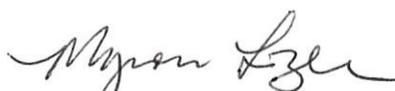
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,

April 2019 is recognized as the month to celebrate our Navajo Nation Court system and to affirm our commitment to strengthening and protecting our sovereignty. Through this proclamation, we recognize the contributions of all previous and current Judges, Justices and employees of the Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation. The Navajo Nation leadership encourages the public to become educated on the courts and peacemaking and to visit the Justice Day celebrations happening at all judicial districts.

PROCLAIMED THIS 1st DAY OF APRIL 2019.


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