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The 25th Navajo Nation Council hosts walk to bring awareness to Sexual Assault Awareness Month



PHOTO: Sexual Assault Awareness Month Awareness Walk in Window Rock, AZ

Window Rock, Ariz. - The 25th Navajo Nation Council was joined Navajo Nation Vice President Richelle Montoya and members from the Missing Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force, as they marched to strengthen recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month on the opening day of the 2024 Spring Council Session.

The walk started at the Navajo Nation Museum and ended at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber. Speaker Crystalyne Curley (Tachee/Blue Gap, Many Farms, Nazlini, Tselani/Cottonwood, Low Mountain) and Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty (Cove, Toadlena/Two Grey Hills, Red Valley Tse'alnaozt'i'i, Sheepsprings, Beclabito, Gadiiahi/To'Koi) led the walk and highlighted the Council's solidarity with victims and survivors of sexual assault.

The annual event brings together volunteers, advocates, and Navajo Nation employees to raise awareness and advocate for the safety and dignity of all individuals, especially the Navajo Nation's most vulnerable members.

Speaker Crystalyne Curley remarked, "Today we walked to highlight Sexual Assault Awareness Month at the start of the 25th Navajo Nation Council Spring Session. We aim to create a safe

space for victims and survivors to speak, heal, and support each other. It's crucial for our Nation to unite and be the voice for our children, grandchildren, and elders."

Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty said that the annual walk emphasizes the importance of prevention, especially for our children.

"We are working diligently with schools to teach them that their bodies are sacred. Despite challenges in our criminal justice system, our task force strives to restore the body, mind, and soul of our people," Council Delegate Crotty said.

The Sexual Assault Awareness Walk is part of the 25th Navajo Nation Council's ongoing efforts to address and prevent violence against its members. The Council, along with the Office of the Speaker remains committed to safeguarding all Diné people, reinforcing the message of resilience and communal support.

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