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**Navajo Nation leaders honor 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 Sunday, proclaiming May 3 – 7, 2021, as “Navajo Nation Teacher Appreciation Week” to honor and recognize school teachers 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 have gone above and beyond to support our Navajo children’s well-being and success. This school year, they’ve instructed virtually and worked even harder to ensure every student has the tools they need to reach their full potential. 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 with the resources on hand,” 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. To our grandmothers and grandfathers, thank you for passing along the teachings that make us a strong and prosperous people to this day,” added President 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 virtual classrooms for children during the pandemic. We are thankful that we have talented and dedicated educators who create opportunities that unlock the hearts and minds of our children. 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 3 – 7, 2020.

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## THE NAVAJO NATION

# Proclamation

RECOGNIZING MAY 3 - 7, 2021 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, especially in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. You have gone above and beyond to ensure that all educational opportunities continue for our Nation.

**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 4 – 8, 2021 as “Navajo Nation Teacher Appreciation Week” throughout the Navajo Nation.

PROCLAIMED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF MAY 2021

  
Jonathan Nez, *President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION

  
Myron Lizer, *Vice President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION