



THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

Navajo Nation Teacher Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, teachers are building the future of our Navajo Nation, including future leaders, educators, lawyers, doctors, and building capacity for the Navajo Nation; and

WHEREAS, teacher's days are endless from the time school opens to when the last paper is graded late at night, as they wear many hats at the schools sites; and

WHEREAS, teachers are dedicated and will spend their own money for supplies and materials, and for professional development and other training that is necessary to keep up with research and recent trends in teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, they treat and teach all children as their own and provide children a safe classroom environment and facility as well as providing care; and

WHEREAS, they treat each child with fairness, give them equal time, and take time to sit and listen to our children and can become counselors to children that are neglected, abused and parents to orphans; and

WHEREAS, there are endless academic standards to meet so our children can compete on the multiple assessments throughout the year and our teachers sacrifice their energy, health, and personal time to prepare our children for their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, they serve on many school teams, develop school improvement plans, improve their curriculums, create unique lessons to meet the academic needs of each child, and work with parents and the community; and

WHEREAS, the benefits does not always compare to their hard work, dedication, and commitment as required to be an educator; and

WHEREAS, teaching is the profession that teaches all the other professions and a teacher is like a candle: it consumes itself to light the way for others.

WHEREAS, these teachers are our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, grandmas, and grandpas. They are special people and we thank them for a job well done.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RUSSELL BEGAYE, President of the Navajo Nation and **I, JONATHAN M. NEZ**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation do hereby proclaimed May 9, 2017, as the official Navajo Nation TEACHER recognition day throughout the Navajo Nation. I encourage you all to express appreciation to our teachers.

ORDERED THIS 5th DAY OF May 2017

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell Begaye".

Russell Begaye, *President*
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonathan M. Nez".

Jonathan M. Nez, *Vice President*
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