



THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

Navajo Nation Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, all Navajo children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing environment they need to ensure healthy growth and development;

WHEREAS, Navajo children are vital to the Navajo Nation's future success, prosperity and quality of life;

WHEREAS, Navajo children have the right to be safe, secure, loved and happy;


WHEREAS, prevention of child abuse and neglect is a responsibility of all people and organizations including governments and other agencies;

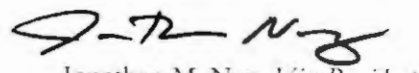
WHEREAS, promoting our Navajo communities to provide parents, foster parents, adoptive parents and caregivers with support, knowledge of parenting and child development and efficient resources to nurture their children is key to ensure that our children grow to their full potential;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among our Dine People, including government agencies such as the Navajo Division of Social of Social Services, and other collaborating entities, human service organizations, schools, faith-based organizations, health care providers, legislators, law enforcement agencies, courts and the business community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Navajo Nation hereby proclaims April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" and call upon all citizens of the Navajo Nation to increase their participation in our efforts to support our Navajo children and families' well-being, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Proclaimed this 18th day of April 2017.


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