



## THE NAVAJO NATION

# *Proclamation*

### RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020 AS “NAVAJO NATION CENSUS MONTH”

**THE NAVAJO NATION** recognizes the month of September 2020 as the “Navajo Nation Census Month,” to grow and build our future on our traditions and culture taught to us from the beginning of time, and we must ensure the Navajo Nation remains strong to carry us for many more generations, and to ensure our Navajo People are counted to make an impact in the 2020 U.S. Census;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a complete count of the U.S. population every 10 years;

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation supports the goals and ideals of the Census Count and is committed to ensuring that every Navajo citizen is counted;

**WHEREAS**, the Native Americans and Alaska Natives have been historically undercounted in the Census, in 2010 U.S. Census approximately 4.7% were undercounted;

**WHEREAS**, the Census efforts on the Navajo Nation have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Navajo Nation experienced a high COVID-19 infection rate compared to the rest of the country, and in response to the pandemic, the Navajo Nation has diverted many resources to ensure the safety and well-being of the Navajo People;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau on July 30, 2020 decided to reduce the time of the Navajo People to respond to the Census Count; therefore, drastically limiting the time and resources for the Navajo Nation to complete field activities and the questionnaire process;

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation recognizes the importance of the participation of each Navajo citizen in the 2020 Census to avoid the loss of millions of dollars in federal, state, and tribal aid; and for an accurate and fair redistricting of congressional, state, county, and local voting districts;

**WHEREAS**, federal, state, and tribal funding is allocated to local communities based, in part, on Census data, and utilized for an accurate and fair redistricting of congressional, state, county, and local voting districts;

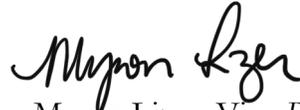
**WHEREAS**, the information from the Census is confidential and protected by law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN NEZ**, President of the Navajo Nation, and **I, MYRON LIZER**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2020, as Navajo Nation Census Month.

**ORDERED THIS 31<sup>st</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2020**



Jonathan Nez, *President*  
**THE NAVAJO NATION**



Myron Lizer, *Vice President*  
**THE NAVAJO NATION**