



THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

Navajo Nation Census Day February 20, 2020

We, as a Nation, continue to grow and build our future on our traditions and culture taught to us from the beginning of time, and we must ensure our Nation remains strong and will carry us through for many generations, and to ensure our People make an impact in 2020 we affirm:

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

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation supports the goals and ideals of the 2020 census and is committed to ensuring that every Navajo citizen is counted;

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation recognizes the importance of the participation of each Navajo citizen in the 2020 Census;

WHEREAS, federal, state, and tribal funding is allocated to local communities based, in part, on census data;


WHEREAS, census data is necessary for an accurate and fair redistricting of congressional, state, county, and Delegate voting districts;

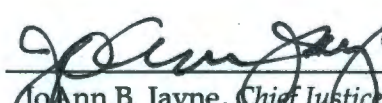
WHEREAS, information from the 2020 Census is a vital tool for economic development and increased employment;


WHEREAS, the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan M. Nez, Navajo Nation President, and **I, JoAnn B. Jayne**, Navajo Nation Chief Justice, and **I, Seth Damon**, Navajo Nation Council Speaker, do hereby proclaim that in order to ensure a complete count of all its citizens, the Navajo Nation will: A) disseminate 2020 Census information; B) participate in events that raise awareness of the 2020 Census; C) provide advocates to speak to Chapters and local community events about the importance of the 2020 Census; D) Support census takers as they strive to complete an accurate count of all Navajo citizens; and E) encourage all Navajo citizens to participate in the census; and that February 20th shall be declared Navajo Nation Census Day.

Proclaimed this 20th day of February 2020.


Jonathan Nez, *President*
The Navajo Nation


JoAnn B. Jayne, *Chief Justice*
The Navajo Nation


Seth Damon, *Speaker*
24th Navajo Nation Council