THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

Navajo Nation
Domestic Violence Prevention Month
October 2016

WHEREAS, our Diné culture and traditions emphasize respect for one another through k'é; and

WHEREAS, the basis of a healthy Navajo Nation is rooted in strong and healthy Diné families; and

WHEREAS, all families living on the Navajo Nation are entitled to a safe, healthy, stable and loving environment which nurtures and protects each family member and relative's mental, emotional, spiritual and physical well-being; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a vicious multi-generational family cycle which confronts many Diné families; and

WHEREAS, many Diné women and children are being subjected to domestic and family violence which threatens the very foundation of our families; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation recognizes the efforts of Navajo programs, providers, and non-profit shelters on and near the Navajo Nation providing services to victims of domestic and family violence with limited resources; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation is taking a stand against domestic violence, family violence and sexual assault through the launching and establishment of the Strengthening Families Program within the Navajo Division of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, the Strengthening Families Program will provide prevention, and crisis intervention services for victims of domestic violence, family violence, and sexual assault; and in partnership with other federal agencies and non-profits, it will also provide shelter services to victims of such violence; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation is committed to partnering with other providers, federal governmental agencies, including the Administration for Children and Families, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service to tackle domestic violence, family violence and sexual assault; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Navajo Nation, hereby declares the month of October 2016 as the "Navajo Nation Domestic Violence Prevention Month"; and urges the citizens of the Navajo Nation to support and bring awareness to the prevention of domestic violence, family violence and sexual assault on the Navajo Nation.

Proclaimed this **5th day** of **October 2016.**

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