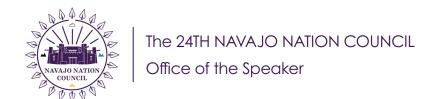
## **MEDIA CONTACTS**



Alray Nelson, Communications Director Kyron Hardy, Public Information Officer E-mail: nnlb.communications@gmail.com Phone: (928) 530-8329

## The Navajo Nation wishes you a Prosperous New Year 2022

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 31, 2021

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** — Speaker Seth Damon and the 24th Navajo Nation Council provide the following 2022 New Year's message for the Navajo People:

Ghaaji' in October was the New Year for the Navajo people, and during that time we came together to share in love, laughter, and prayed for another year of renewal. We acknowledged the sacred autumn season and the changing of colors as the world now turns into the year 2022.

Let us continue to remind ourselves of our strength as the Navajo people as we defeat this pandemic together. So many of you have donated food, blankets, jackets, and essential items for our elderly and our most vulnerable families during this wintertime. We thank you and send our appreciation to you for helping those who need it most right now.

Last week, the Navajo Nation Council sent over fifty military care packages around the world with essential items to our active-duty military service members who could not return home before Christmas. We send prayers of peace to all our warriors who are serving into the New Year. It is through the distinguished service of our men and women in uniform serving overseas today that allows us to have our freedom. May our military men and women be protected and blessed by the Holy People.

As the largest Sovereign Nation in the United States, we lead into 2022 as a leader for Indian Country. We have heard directly from the Navajo people and they need help right now. The Navajo Nation Council has passed emergency legislation that will provide immediate hardship assistance to every Navajo family. It is our collective hope that all our communities are blessed as work for the betterment of our Sovereign Nation in 2022.

Celebrate this weekend safely with those you love and the Navajo Nation Council wishes you a blessed and more prosperous New Year. We will get through this next year stronger together, as one Navajo family.