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Navajo Nation Council proudly sponsors Senior Appreciation Day at the 69th Annual Navajo Nation Fair

WINDOW ROCK – The 23rd Navajo Nation Council is proud to sponsor the 3rd Annual Senior Appreciation Day at the 69th Annual Navajo Nation Fair at 10:00 a.m. on Sept. 10.

The event, formerly known as “Elderly Day”, is being coordinated by the Navajo Area Agency on Aging program and will be held at the powwow arena at the fairgrounds in Window Rock.

“On behalf of the Navajo Nation Council, we are honored to invite the public to this year’s event to show our appreciation for our Navajo elders,” stated Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse’Daa’Kaan, Upper Fruitland), who is scheduled to serve as a special guest speaker at the event.

In late August, the Navajo Nation Council was informed that the annual celebration would be canceled due to lack of funding. In response, the Council agreed to provide financial support for the event including a luncheon for the elderly.

“The Council felt it was important to aid NAAA to ensure that the Senior Appreciation Day event continued. We value our Navajo elderly and they deserve to be recognized and provided a day of celebration,” added Speaker Bates.

In a letter addressed to the Council, Fort Defiance NAAA program supervisor Johnny Johnson explained that the program decided to rename the event, “Senior Appreciation Day” to better reflect the appreciation and respect for Navajo elderly.

“I want to thank Council for providing financial support for our entertainers and luncheon for the seniors,” said Johnson. “It is greatly appreciated for the Navajo Nation Council to support, sustain, and strengthen NAAA.”

Entertainment includes Joe Tohonnie, Jr. and the Apache Crown Dancers, David Kee Group Singers. The event will also entail physical exercises to promote health and wellness.

The Tséhootsooí Twin Warriors Society will serve as the Color Guard for the event. For further information regarding Senior Appreciation Day, please contact NAAA at (928) 729-4019.

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