



Speaker Seth Damon provides report to the Navajo People on the Projects and Accomplishments of the Legislative Branch

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Yesterday, Speaker Seth Damon of the 24th Navajo Nation Council provided an official report to the Navajo people on the current projects and accomplishments of the Legislative Branch the last three months during the 2022 Winter Session.

The following is a Welcome Message from Speaker Damon:

Yá'át'ééh shikéí dóó shidineé. The 24th Navajo Nation Council welcomes you, our family and relatives, to the 2022 Winter Session in beautiful Window Rock, Arizona. These sacred Council Chambers are where legislative decisions are made that impact the lives of our people and it is a heavy responsibility - we respect every day. On behalf of my colleagues, welcome to the largest Sovereign Nation in the United States.

We now extend our gratitude to Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, Vice President Myron Lizer, Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne, our chapter leaders, state and federal officials, visiting dignitaries, and our Diné citizens for virtually joining us this week.

Every quarter we convene in the People's House to discuss and plan for the future of our great Nation. We invite everyone to acknowledge and wear the colors of each day to bring awareness to the issues impacting families around Diné Bikéyah.

The economic recovery of the Navajo Nation is shared between all our branches of government. We only thrive when the other does too, and that is important to remember as we move forward as one Navajo family. The last two years, we have heard from our communities, who need immediate help and we must deliver for the people. We expect the second hardship assistance checks to be delivered soon and I commend my colleagues for their steadfast leadership in making sure this was done effectively.

Since the Fall Session, we have done our duty to listen to the people and to effectively advocate for them at the local, state, and federal level. We are all feeling the economic impact this pandemic has caused and that experience connects us. From small business owners, wood haulers, sheep herders, and to our tribal enterprises - we will survive this time together.

As we honor our traditional way of life, let us remember the last two years and the blessings bestowed upon us by the Holy People. We will overcome the challenges and traumas ahead, and with the teachings of our elders, be guided by Hozhó.

On behalf of the 24th Navajo Nation Council, thank you for your resilience and outspoken leadership to hold us accountable for the work we do. K'é brings us together to do this hard work for the people we represent. May we all walk in beauty into this new year as one Navajo Nation.