



BEN SHELLY PRESIDENT
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Navajo Nation Proclamation

WHEREAS; general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and industries; and

WHEREAS; many communities in the Navajo Nation depend heavily on general aviation and local airports for the continued flow of commerce, supplies, tourists, and visitors to the Nation; and

WHEREAS; Crownpoint Airport, Shiprock Airstrip, Chinle Municipal Airport, Tuba City Airport, Kayenta Township Airport, Navajo Mountain Airstrip and Window Rock Airport have an immense economic impact on the Navajo Nation, and also support jobs both directly and indirectly; and

WHEREAS; general aviation not only supports the Navajo Nation's economy, but also it improves the overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, assisting law enforcement, firefighting, and disaster relief; and

WHEREAS; doctors are able to utilize our network of airports to help serve citizens in remote regions of the Nation, as well as provide access to hospitals and other medical facilities; and

WHEREAS; general aviation provides an integral transportation network that allows the communities of the Navajo Nation to stay connected; and

WHEREAS; the United States' aviation infrastructure represents an important public benefit, and Congressional oversight should be in place to ensure stable funding of this system; and

WHEREAS; organizations like the Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Experimental Aviation Association, Helicopter Association International and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in the Navajo Nation and throughout the country;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mr. Ben Shelly, President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim September 2014 "General Aviation Appreciation Month," and I call on all citizens, governments, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to join us in recognizing the importance of general aviation to the Navajo Nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Shelly", is written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Ben Shelly, President
The Navajo Nation

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