



25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

MEDIA CONTACT:

nnlb.communications@gmail.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 8, 2025

Inauguration ceremony welcomes new leadership for Fort Defiance Agency



Speaker Curley encourages new Fort Defiance Agency officials to work to better their communities.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. –The Fort Defiance Agency celebrated the inauguration of its newly elected officials in a ceremony that highlighted unity, leadership, and dedication to community service. Held at the Ganado Hornets Pavilion on Tuesday morning, the event brought together leaders, community members, and dignitaries to mark the beginning of a new chapter for the agency and the Navajo Nation.

Speaker Crystalyne Curley, Vice President Richelle Montoya, and former President Jonathan Nez delivered heartfelt messages of encouragement and responsibility. Their remarks emphasized the enduring values of service, the significance of community trust, and the shared vision for the future of the Navajo people.

Speaker Curley reflected on the sacrifices required of leaders and their families. “Leadership is not just about the individual; it is about the collective effort and belief of family, friends, and voters,” she remarked. “Always remember the people who placed their trust in you, and honor that responsibility every day.”

The ceremony honored the dedication of chapter officials who will serve over the next four years. Officials were reminded of their responsibilities, including fostering community development, maintaining accountability, and prioritizing the needs of future generations.

Vice President Richelle Montoya challenged leaders to focus on project planning, budgeting, and effective collaboration with council delegates to meet the needs of their communities.

She encouraged the newly elected officials to remain steadfast in their commitment to the people. She stressed the importance of collaboration among leaders and the vital role of prayer and humility in guiding decisions.

“Remember what you say today in your oath of office, and I ask that you always continue to pray. Be kind to one another,” Montoya said.

Former President Jonathan Nez shared insights from his own leadership journey, urging leaders to embrace accountability and perseverance. He encouraged the officials to maintain focus and resilience, even when faced with criticism and challenges.

He quoted Proverbs 19:20, saying, “Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end, you will be counted among the wise.”

Speaker Curley urged leaders to stay true to their promises and work tirelessly for the betterment of the Fort Defiance Agency and the Navajo Nation as a whole. She emphasized the importance of unity and teamwork, stating, “For the next four years, let us stay focused, work together, and ensure our efforts truly benefit our people and children.”

The Fort Defiance Agency and the 25th Navajo Nation Council extend heartfelt congratulations to all newly inaugurated officials.

###