



THE NAVAJO NATION AND THE OFFICE  
OF THE ARIZONA STATE TREASURER



*Proclamation*

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL  
2021 AS “FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH”

The Navajo Nation and the Office of the Arizona State Treasurer recognize the month of April 2021 as “Financial Literacy Month” to encourage Arizona and Navajo Nation citizens to learn more about financial opportunities and strategies to empower families and communities to become more financially capable and to build a stronger, prosperous and economically resilient financial future.

**WHEREAS**, the United States established April as Financial Literacy Month in 2003 and proclaims April 2021 as National Financial Capability Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona joined 18 other states in adopting April as Financial Literacy Month in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly four out of ten American families lack financial literacy and support, according to a 2021 analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, Native American citizens suffer from higher levels of financial vulnerability than many other citizen groups, according to a 2017 FINRA Investor Education Foundation report; and

**WHEREAS**, the January 2019 State of the Navajo Nation Address listed financial literacy as a priority of the Office of the President and Vice President and the Office of the First and Second Lady; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2019, the first-ever Statewide Task Force on Financial Literacy was established within the Office of the Arizona State Treasurer to advance financial literacy throughout the state of Arizona to ensure that all Arizonans can attain proficiency in basic money management; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Arizona State Treasurer has partnered with Navajo Nation government and education leaders to encourage Navajo families to save money for the needs of a child’s future education through the AZ529, Arizona’s Education Savings Plan college and educational savings program; and


**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the Navajo Nation have been represented on both the Statewide Task Force on Financial Literacy and the AZ529 Plan Advisory Committee since their establishment; and

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN NEZ**, President of the Navajo Nation, **I, MYRON LIZER**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, and **I, KIMBERLY YEE**, Treasurer of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as “FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH.” We encourage citizens and leaders throughout the Navajo Nation to observe this month through thoughtful reflection, learning and action.

PROCLAIMED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2021

  
Jonathan Nez, *President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION

  
Myron Lizer, *Vice President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION

  
Kimberly Yee, *Treasurer*  
STATE OF ARIZONA