



PROCLAMATION

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF FORMER

New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation mourns the loss of former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, a champion for the Navajo people, who passed away peacefully in his sleep on September 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Richardson served as the thirtieth governor from 2003 to 2011, and as a congressman for over 14 years prior to that, leaving an indelible impact on the state and its people; and

WHEREAS, Governor Richardson served as the energy secretary under President Bill Clinton and as a United Nations ambassador, showcasing his dedication to global engagement and diplomacy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Richardson's significant contributions to Democracy and his larger-than-life political personality made a difference in all that he pursued; and

WHEREAS, Governor Richardson always remembered and appreciated the support of the Navajo people, who he acknowledged played a pivotal role in his political career, propelling him into public service in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation is forever grateful for Governor Richardson's leadership, which extended to our nation, the State of New Mexico, and the United States of America.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we honor the memory and legacy of Governor Bill Richardson.

NOW THEREFORE, I, DR. BUU NYGREN, President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2023, as a day of mourning for the passing of former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson and order all flags within the Navajo Nation be flown at half-staff as a symbol of our respect and gratitude for his service. I urge all Navajo Nation citizens to reflect on his contributions, to remember his dedication to the Navajo people, and to offer prayers of comfort to those he loved.

SO ORDERED THIS 13th DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Nygren", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Buu Nygren, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

