

## NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT JONATHAN NEZ

Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez was born in Tuba City, Arizona and raised in Shonto, Arizona on the Navajo Nation. He began his current term as President of the Navajo Nation on January 15, 2019 along with Vice President Myron Lizer. Since taking office, the Nez-Lizer Administration continues to advocate and support the priorities of the Navajo people, based on numerous meetings that took place in over 70 Navajo communities across the Navajo Nation.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, President Nez and Vice President Lizer have initiated aggressive measures to reduce the spread of the coronavirus among Navajo communities including weekend lockdowns, daily curfews, mask requirements, prohibiting mass gatherings, and much more. President Nez has been on the frontlines speaking with first responders and visiting the Navajo Nation's 110 chapters to gain a firsthand perspective and to assist and offer support for the Navajo people.

President Nez has two children with his wife, Phefelia Nez. He is the son of John H. Nez and Mabel H. Nez. His grandfather, H.T. Donald, was the former Navajo Nation Council Delegate for Shonto Chapter, and his grandmother was Mae Donald from Shonto.

President Nez is of the Áshjìhí Clan (Salt People) and born for the Ta'neezahnii Clan (Tangle clan). His maternal grandfather's clan is Tódích'í'nii Clan (Bitter Water Clan) and his paternal grandfather's clan is the Táchii'nii Clan (Red-Running-Into-The-Water Clan).

Before his presidency, he served as Vice President of the Navajo Nation from 2015 to January 2019. He has also served as the Shonto Chapter Vice President, as a member of the Navajo Nation Council representing the chapters of Shonto, Oljato, Tsah Bi Kin and Navajo Mountain, and as a member of the Navajo County Board of Supervisors for District 1 in Arizona.

President Nez holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and a Masters of Public Administration, both from Northern Arizona University.