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### *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*

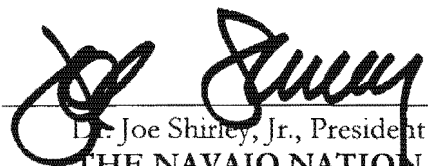
President Obama recently signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) which has been referred to as an economic stimulus package for the United States. In response to this effort, the Navajo Nation compiled information that was provided to President Obama's Transition Team for its consideration as this law was being developed.

Now that ARRA is law, the Navajo Nation will work hard to prepare and to propose projects for consideration to improve the Nation's infrastructure, including the construction of needed buildings, roads, water delivery systems, etc. To meet this goal and to coordinate this overall effort for the Navajo Nation, I hereby appoint Mr. Arvin Trujillo, Executive Director for the Division of Natural Resources, as the point of contact.

To meet the Nation's objectives, I hereby authorize Mr. Trujillo to do the following:

- Establish the necessary organizational structures to meet objectives agreed to by my office;
- Seek the assistance and possible reassignment of staff to help coordinate this effort. I expect all Executive Branch Divisions and Offices to provide Mr. Trujillo with any requested support;
- Work with Ms. Sharon Clahchischillage, Executive Director for the Navajo Nation Washington Office, to oversee the development, coordination, implementation, and monitoring of all Navajo Nation proposals seeking funding through ARRA; and
- Make recommendations on what Navajo Nation administrative and procedural improvements are needed to ensure compliance with the strict timelines set forth in ARRA.

I view ARRA as a high priority for the Navajo Nation and will make every effort to take full advantage of the opportunities presented. More detailed information, including the specific criteria for funding consideration, is forthcoming. I will leave it to Mr. Trujillo to provide updates on how the Nation will proceed in this important endeavor. I also request the Nation's enterprises to work with Mr. Trujillo so that funding requests are made in an efficient and coordinated manner.

  
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Dr. Joe Shirley, Jr., President  
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