



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 08-2017

**BUILDING A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY FOR THE HEALTH AND SUSTENANCE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION**

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September 8, 2017

WHEREAS:

1. The President of the Navajo Nation serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government with full authority to conduct, supervise, and coordinate personnel and program matters. 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (A);
2. The President shall have the enumerated power of issuing an Executive Order for the purpose of interpreting, implementing or giving administrative effect to statutes of the Navajo Nation in the manner set forth in such statutes. 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C) (14);
3. An Executive Order shall have the force of law upon the recipient. *Id.*

THEREFORE:

I, Russell Begaye, President of the Navajo Nation, by the authority vested, hereby issue the following order:

1. In order to create a clean energy economy that will increase our Nation's prosperity, promote energy security, and safeguard the health of our people, it shall be the policy of the Navajo Nation to improve its environmental performance;
2. The Nation and its administrative agencies shall conduct their environmental, transportation, and energy-related activities in environmentally and economically sound, integrated, continuously improving, efficient, and sustainable manner;
3. Within 120 days of the date of this order, the head of each agency shall submit a report detailing ways in which its department can improve upon its environmental performance;
4. Within 180 days of the date of this order the Nation, leading by example, shall establish an integrated strategy towards environmental sustainability beginning with its administrative agencies;

5. The Nation and its governing agencies will launch its clean energy initiative by developing a unified plan to implement the use of solar energy in buildings identified by the government as suitable for solar renovation;
6. By pursuing renewable and alternative energy solutions to improve upon its environmental performance, the Nation and its agencies ensure energy and water security throughout the Nation;

The Divisions Directors and Departments of the Nation are responsible for implementing and ensuring compliance with this order.


Consistency with other laws. The Provision of this Order shall be implemented consistent with the laws of the Navajo Nation, and in a manner that advances the highest welfare of the people.

Executed at the Office of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation

On this 8th day of September 2017.

THE NAVAJO NATION


Russell Begaye, *President*


Jonathan M. Nez, *Vice President*