

PROCLAMATION OF THE 2025 SOUTHWESTERN URANIUM CONVENTION

WHITE MESA UTE TRIBAL LANDS

BLUFF, UTAH

SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2025

We the Indigenous people of the Southwestern part of the United States are still suffering the devastating health and Environmental impacts from the legacy of the past uranium mining during the Cold War Era.

We the people are aware of the processing of yellow cake, enrichment and illegal transportation of Toxic chemicals/substances resulting from five decades of nuclear weapons testing.

We the people are concerned of over 500 abandoned uranium mines existing on Navajo Nation land have yet to be remediated and continue to contaminate the land, water aquifers, vegetation and medicinal herbs.

We the people are aware of the possibility of resuming nuclear testing and the renewed push for nuclear energy creates new demands for uranium mining.

We the people, are opposed and resolve to ban any new development, processing, and transporting of uranium as well as the storage of its byproducts in our ancestral lands.

We the people continue to support the Moratorium of Uranium Development and Navajo Nation Laws to be honored.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented this 12th day of 2025 at 2025 Southwestern Uranium Convention held at White Mesa, Utah.

Presented by Chairperson Mr. Gilbert Badonie and Co-Chair Jerry Benally.

The block contains two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is for Gilbert Badonie, and the signature on the right is for Jerry Benally. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

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CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the vested grassroots groups at a duly called Convention in White Mesa, Utah at which a quorum was present and that same was passed with a vote of 215 in favor and 00 opposed this 12th day of September 2025.

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