WHEREAS:

1. The private business sector within the Navajo Nation is essential to our local economy because it provides employment opportunities and needed goods and services; and

2. Numerous Navajo Nation departments and programs host conferences, workshops, training sessions, and the like, outside the Navajo Nation resulting in exorbitant expense to the Navajo Nation central and local governments; and

3. Numerous Navajo Nation department and program personnel attend meetings off-reservation, also resulting in excessive expense to the Navajo Nation government; and

4. These government related activities result in thousands of dollars leaving the Nation annually; and

5. Once those dollars leave the Navajo Nation, there is no opportunity for investment in our local economy, and in fact travel outside the Navajo Nation supports off-reservation economies instead; and

6. The lack of support for our local economy is detrimental to the private business sector, as well as to the Navajo Nation government because of lost hotel, gasoline, and sales tax revenues; and

7. In an effort to circulate Navajo dollars in the local economy, to enhance the Nation's economic well-being, and to promote economic growth, the Navajo Nation government must actively contribute to and support the private business sector within the Navajo Nation.

THEREFORE:

I, Joe Shirley, Jr., President of the Navajo Nation, by the authority vested in me pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005(C)(14), hereby direct that all Navajo Nation Executive Branch departments and programs host their respective conferences, workshops, training sessions, and the like within the territorial boundaries of the Navajo Nation.

I further hereby direct that all Navajo Nation Executive Branch department and program personnel are prohibited from traveling outside the Navajo Nation to attend meetings or training, unless such travel is required for programmatic purposes or is deemed necessary and in the best interest of the Navajo Nation. All off-reservation travel shall
require justification and prior approval by the respective Division Director and concurred by the Executive Branch Chief of Staff.

I further hereby direct this Order shall become effective immediately, be binding on all Navajo Nation Executive Branch employees, and subject to enforcement under the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual.

Executed this 31st day of December 2004.

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Joe Shirley, Jr., President
THE NAVAJO NATION

ATTEST:

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Louis Denetsosie, Attorney General
THE NAVAJO NATION