

## **NAVAJO NATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRUST REFORM LEGISLATION**

### **Reaffirm the Federal Trust Responsibility**

- Congress should reestablish a baseline for all of these issues, using findings and standards based on foundational history and established law, subject to tribal-specific treaties, laws, and agreements.
- Make technical edits and add in S. 165 / H.R. 409 Title I recognized federal obligations to consult with and inform Indians.

### **Recognize Greater Tribal Sovereignty**

- Tribes should be able to implement their own trust management programs rather than just administer federal laws, to grow their economies, create jobs, and develop lands in a responsible way in accordance with tribal polices.
- Expand S. 165 / H.R. 409 Title II beyond a demonstration project to allow full trust asset management self-determination by tribes with sufficient institutional capacity.

### **Reintegrate Federal Management**

- Reintegration with appropriate protections should increase federal efficiency and effectiveness and assure greater tribal self-determination funding.
- Restructure S. 165 / H.R. 409 Title III for better administrative oversight, coordination, and accountability.

### **Require Permanent Indian Oversight**

- Address federal conflicts of interest with tribes and individuals, because agencies alone cannot provide sufficient or interagency accountability.
- Add a new Title to address long-recognized issues and to provide beneficiary oversight coordinated with the new White House Council.