



## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 05-2016

### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR COMMUNITIES IMPACTED DUE TO MONSOON SEASON ACROSS THE NAVAJO NATION

#### THE NAVAJO NATION

August 6, 2016

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#### 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); and
3. An executive order shall have the force of law upon the recipient.
4. On August 5, 2016, the Navajo Nation was impacted by heavy rainfall that destroyed road ways across the Navajo Nation. Our Navajo People have been found stranded and placed in harm ways from the heavy rainfall.
5. The Shiprock community was impacted by heavy rainfall that destroyed homes by flooding, destroyed roadways and livestock was loss. Several families are displaced and the people are in need of immediate assistance for food, clothing and shelter.
6. Across the Navajo Nation, communities have been impacted by the monsoon weather.

#### THEREFORE:


I, Russell Begaye, President of the Navajo Nation, I, Jonathan M. Nez, Vice President of the Navajo Nation by the authority vested in us, hereby order the heads of all of the Divisions and Departments of the Nation, and applicable Chapter Service Coordinators to undertake the following actions:


1. Immediately Require all Division, Department, and Program to immediately respond to those communities impacted by the heavy rainfall, more specifically the Division of Public Safety, Division of Natural Resources, Division of Transportation, Emergency Management Department, Department of Health and Division of Social Services.
2. Division Directors are ordered to coordinate in response to those areas impacts.

The heads of all of the Divisions and Departments of the Nation, all Chapter Service Coordinators, and Judicial Branch are responsible for implementing and ensuring compliance with this order.

Consistency with other laws. The provisions 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 this 6th day of August, 2016

  
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Russell Begaye, *President*

  
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Jonathan M. Nez, *Vice President*