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Statement by Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly Regarding Possible Federal Government Shutdown

“The Navajo Nation stands ready and is strategically prepared for a possible federal government shut down. Under contingency plan guidelines we will comply with federal funding agency requirements to continue critical services for emergency medical services, child protective services and law enforcement.

Vice President Jim and I, along with internal departments and divisions are closely monitoring the expiration of the current continuing resolution regarding the federal budget, which will provide funding through midnight on Friday, April 8th.

The Navajo Nation is in constant communication with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Navajo Regional office and the Navajo Indian Health Service. We will be monitoring the federal funding agency’s advisement regarding furloughs.

Navajo families have always been resilient and can endure independently through any hardships. We are a strong nation and determined people to see through this time of uncertainty.”

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