Navajo Nation declares state of emergency because of weather

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management has declared a state of emergency on the Navajo Nation because of severe winter weather conditions.

Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., concurred with the resolution declaring the state of emergency.

“I hereby direct all Navajo Nation divisions, programs and departments to provide support and assistance to the Commission on Emergency Management and the Incident Commander,” he stated. “This shall include indentifying available resources, staff and equipment.”

The President directed each division director to assess the availability of Navajo Nation 4x4 vehicles so they can be used to deliver food, coal, and feed for livestock and/or transporting individuals in need of medical attention.

The President called upon Navajo Nation enterprises, such as Navajo Agricultural Products Industry, the Navajo Engineering and Construction Authority, and the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise to assist in the effort to provide critically needed resources and other assistance during this emergency.

For more information, inquiries can be made to Commission on Emergency Management Chairman Herman Shorty at (505) 870-9002.

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