



**RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION  
COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DUE TO SEVERE WINTER SNOW STORMS AND SUBSEQUENT MUD FROM SNOW MELT CREATING POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS ACROSS THE NAVAJO NATION

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C., § 881, the Navajo Nation Council established the Commission on Emergency Management. The Commission is authorized to assess, verify, recommend and declare states of emergency with the concurrence of the President of the Navajo Nation; and
2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C., §§ 883, (A) and (C) the Commission in conjunction with the Department of Emergency Management is empowered to coordinate emergency and disaster relief services by Navajo Nation and non-tribal entities and to recommend and deploy appropriate resources regarding natural and man-made emergencies; and
3. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C., §§ 884 (B) (2), the Commission on Emergency Management may seek assistance from federal, state, other tribal governments, and local and private agencies to address emergency and disaster related situations; and
4. Due to potential impacts and substantial public health and safety from severe winter snow storms and subsequent mud conditions resulting from snow melt that creates potential public safety risks across the Navajo Nation; and
5. Any or all initial response(s) are first at the local level. However, communication and coordination are to be established for effective response(s).
6. It is necessary and crucial to ensure public health and safety issues are addressed through adequate assessments, establishment of priorities, communication, safety measures, coordination, and use of appropriate resources to mobilize relief efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management hereby declares a State of Emergency for the Navajo Nation to address the needs of the Navajo Nation through adequate assessments, establishment of priorities, communications, safety measures, coordination, and use of appropriate resources to mobilize relief and mitigate further threats to human lives and safety; and

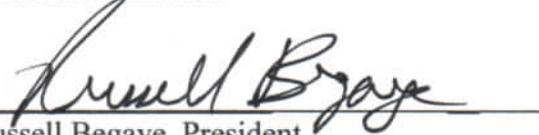
2. The Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management finds it necessary for responsible Navajo Nation entities to immediately begin and maintain coordination for use of resources to meet the needs of all communities; and
3. The Navajo Nation activate available emergency resources such as funding to cover personnel, equipment, and other means as determined fit and feasible to restore and sustain vital community infrastructure.

### CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing declaration was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management in a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Navajo Nation, (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2017.

  
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Herman Shorty, Chairperson  
Commission on Emergency Management

### CONCURRENCE:

  
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Russell Begaye, President  
The Navajo Nation

  
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Jonathan Nez, Vice President  
The Navajo Nation

Motion: Ben Bennett

Second: Eugenia Quintana