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Nez-Lizer pay tribute to nurses across the Navajo Nation

WINDOW ROCK – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer are paying tribute to the contributions and hard work of nurses through a proclamation issued on Wednesday, recognizing May 6 – 10 as Navajo Nation Nurses Appreciation Week across the Navajo Nation.

“We owe special recognition to the many nurses who work tirelessly to help our youth, adults, and elders to improve and maintain their physical and mental health. To our nurses across the Navajo Nation and beyond we give this special recognition,” stated President Nez.

The proclamation also acknowledges the health care and assistance provided to Navajo elders whether it be in hospitals, nursing homes, or in private residences.

“We have many of Navajo and non-Navajo nurses who help our people in IHS facilities on and off the Navajo Nation and often we overlook their hard work and sacrifices, so this is a special way for the Navajo Nation to honor and thank them for all that they provide,” stated Vice President Myron Lizer.

National Nurses Week is also recognized across the country this week, as designated by the American Nurses Association on an annual basis.

“Our Nation is fortunate to have many of our own Diné people who continue to pursue nursing degrees and professions and many of them come home and help our communities,” added President Nez. “We also give thanks to other caregivers such as Community Health Representatives that also provide critical services. When our Nation received heavy snowfall a few months ago, we relied heavily on the CHR’s to check on our elders and disabled at their homes.”

Through the month of May, President Nez and Vice President Lizer will be attending numerous graduation ceremonies to support Diné students and their families. As they attend graduation ceremonies, they stated that they recognize that there is a growing number of nursing students and graduates each year from various colleges and universities.

“It’s great to see that there are so many of our young people pursuing nursing programs and degrees. We want them to know that the Nez-Lizer Administration supports them and that we want the best for them and their future as they move forward. It’s wonderful to see our best and brightest doing well academically and professionally,” Vice President Lizer added.

The proclamation issued on Wednesday designates May 6 – 10 as Navajo Nation Nurses Appreciation Week across the Navajo Nation.

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THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING MAY 6 – 12, 2019 AS “NAVAJO NATION NURSES APPRECIATION WEEK”

WE owe an eternal gratitude to our caretakers and our health care providers. We owe special recognition to the many nurses who work tirelessly to help our youth, adults, and elders to improve and maintain their physical and mental health. To our nurses across the Navajo Nation and beyond we give this special recognition:

WHEREAS, our Nation’s nurses are recognized for their professions by the American Nursing Association through the designation of National Nurses Week; and

WHEREAS, our Nation’s nurses work hard to provide the best health care for Diné citizens to improve and maintain their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, our Nation’s nurses are entrusted to help our elders who are in need of health care and assistance in nursing homes, hospitals, or their residences; and

WHEREAS, our Nation’s nurses have the tremendous responsibility of caring and having compassion for every person that is need of medical assistance; and

WHEREAS, our Nation’s nurses sacrifice and give of themselves to help our Diné people throughout the Navajo Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN M. NEZ, President of the Navajo Nation, and **I, Myron Lizer**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim May 6 – 12, 2019 as “Navajo Nation Nurses Appreciation Week” throughout the Navajo Nation.

ORDERED THIS 8th DAY OF MAY 2019

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Jonathan M. Nez, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myron Lizer".

Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
THE NAVAJO NATION