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Online town hall scheduled for Monday evening to provide information about the second phase of the CARES Act Hardship Program

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President, in coordination with the Office of the Controller, will host an online town hall on Monday, July 12th at 6:00 p.m. to provide more information about the second phase of the CARES Act Hardship Program. The town hall will air later in the week on local radio stations.

On July 2, President Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer signed Resolution CJN-35-21 into law, approving the final phase of the CARES Act Hardship Program to allow remaining applicants to receive the direct relief funding, and to reopen the application process for enrolled members who did not apply for the relief funds last year.

The Office of the Controller will reopen the CARES Act Hardship Program application process for 60 days, beginning on Aug. 1, for the 92,000 enrolled Navajo Nation members who did not apply for the relief funds last year. The Office of the Controller is currently in the process of contacting the 1,865 individuals who submitted an application prior to last November's deadline, but were missing supporting documents – these applicants will have until the end of July to complete their application.

“If you have questions about the second phase of the CARES Act Hardship Program, please tune-in to the town hall and we will do our best to provide information and to answer questions. We ask all viewers to please listen carefully through the town hall before submitting questions. I am very thankful to the Office of the Controller for working together to ensure that our Navajo people are informed,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

During the first phase of the Hardship Program last year, over \$319 million in CARES Act funds was issued to approximately 308,000 enrolled members. \$41,979,377 remains unspent and will be used for the final phase of the Hardship Program. The resolution for the final phase of the program included language stating that the 1,865 individuals currently on the waiting list will receive direct financial relief comparable to the \$1,350 per adult and \$450 per minor amounts that was distributed last year.

For enrolled members who did not apply during the first phase last year, there will be a 60-day time period to allow those enrolled members to submit applications and based on the number of

applicants received, the remaining funds will be distributed. The application will be available starting on Aug. 1.

“We appreciate the Office of the Controller, the 24th Navajo Nation Council, and everyone involved in pushing this effort forward. We have to continue working together to make it successful and beneficial for as many of our Navajo people as possible. If you’re currently on the waiting list or if you plan to submit an application in August, please join us for this important town hall on Monday evening,” said Vice President Lizer.

Monday’s online town hall will begin at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) on the Nez-Lizer Facebook page and YouTube channel. The town hall will air on local radio stations later in the week.

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