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**Navajo Nation recognizes “Navajo Nation Nurses Appreciation Week”
in honor and recognition of the contributions and sacrifices of nurses**

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer issued a proclamation on Wednesday, proclaiming May 6 – 12, 2021 as “Navajo Nation Nurses Appreciation Week,” to honor the tremendous contributions and sacrifices of frontline warriors, including nurses and health care workers who continue to put themselves at risk to save lives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Nurses, Community Health Representatives, and other health workers are on the frontlines battling COVID-19 each day. They continue to take risks and to make sacrifices that also impact their families. We encourage our citizens to show their support and appreciation for nurses and other health professionals by slowing the spread of COVID-19. More than ever, nurses are turning to the public for support to stop the spread. Show your appreciation by wearing a mask, keeping a safe distance, washing your hands often, and getting vaccinated,” said President Nez.

The proclamation states, “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” and “they are entrusted to help our elders who require health care and assistance in nursing homes, hospitals, and residences.”

“The pandemic has left many of our healthcare workers across the Nation physically and emotionally exhausted. Our selfless healers deserve a great deal of attention. They need to hear words that inspire them to continue fighting for us. Often times, their hard work and commitment are overlooked. Acknowledging their contributions can inspire positive emotions that can also boost their happiness, self-esteem, and well-being,” said Vice President Lizer.

President Nez and Vice President Lizer also request prayers for all public health nurses, Community Health Representatives, doctors, and other personnel helping COVID-19 patients during the pandemic. National Nurses Appreciation Week is also recognized across the country this week, as designated by the American Nurses Association annually. The proclamation designates May 6 – 12, 2021 as Navajo Nation Nurses Appreciation Week.

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THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING MAY 6 – 12, 2021 AS

“NAVAJO NATION NURSES APPRECIATION WEEK”

WE owe tremendous gratitude to our frontline warriors, our caretakers, our health care providers who are fighting to save lives during the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 thank you and we pray for your health and wellness!

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 are on the frontlines, putting themselves at risk each day, to provide the best health care for Diné citizens, helping many to recover from COVID-19, and improving and maintaining 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 NEZ, President of the Navajo Nation, and **I, Myron Lizer**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim May 6 – 12, 2021 as “Navajo Nation Nurses Appreciation Week” throughout the Navajo Nation.

PROCLAIMED THIS 5th DAY OF MAY 2021

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Jonathan Nez, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Myron Lizer".

Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
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