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## Navajo Nation recognizes the week of May 16 – 22 as “Navajo Nation Emergency Medical Service Week”

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Sunday, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer signed a proclamation to recognize May 16 – 22, 2021, as “Navajo Nation Emergency Medical Service Week” to honor first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, educators, and administrators who save lives every day by responding to emergencies in all Navajo Nation communities.

“Paramedics and EMS professionals spend long hours and sleepless nights responding and caring for the needs of our 110 communities. EMS is critical within our healthcare systems. They are our frontline warriors and ensure individuals get the care they need as quickly as possible. In an emergency, time is everything. Before patients reach the doors of the hospitals, EMS professionals provide immediate care and often see firsthand trauma. We are thankful for their service and dedication and we recognize their sacrifices as well as their families,” said President Nez.

The proclamation states that EMS is a vital public service and is working hard to save lives during the COVID-19 pandemic. Access to quality emergency medical care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden and life-threatening illness and injury.

“During the pandemic, the partnership between the hospitals, EMS, and the Navajo Nation Health Command Operations Center was more important than ever. Through successful collaborations, they continue to provide the best response and coordination to ensure the safety of our citizens. Therefore, coming together to support our local EMS not only supports their effort but ensures we are working together to meet the medical needs of our citizens during these unprecedented times,” said Vice President Lizer.

President Nez and Vice President Lizer also encourage citizens to express their appreciation to the families of the EMS care team who endure endless sacrifice and support for their loved ones while performing their duties to save lives.

The “Navajo Nation Emergency Medical Service Week” is themed as “This is EMS: Care for our Communities” through the week of May 16 – 22, 2021, and is recognized in conjunction with the “National Emergency Medical Service Week.”

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## THE NAVAJO NATION

# *Proclamation*

### RECOGNIZING MAY 16 – 22, 2021 AS “NAVAJO NATION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WEEK”

The Navajo Nation proclaims May 16 – 22, 2021 as the NAVAJO NATION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WEEK. The National campaign is endorsed by the American College of Emergency Physicians and National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians to direct attention to the importance of emergency response in saving precious lives.

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) are a vital public service and are working hard to save lives during the COVID-19 pandemic. Access to quality emergency medical care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden and life-threatening illness or injury; and

**WHEREAS**, serving as the safety net of the Navajo Nation’s health care system, the members of emergency medical service teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical service teams consist of First Responders, Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, Educators, and Administrators; and

**WHEREAS**, career members of emergency medical service teams engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills. EMS providers also educate the public about injury prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, The Navajo Nation has a well-established system of EMS providers and services. We wish to celebrate the dedicated professionals, and facilities that make Navajo Nation’s EMS system strong; and

**WHEREAS**, the families of the emergency medical service care team have endured endless sacrifice and continuous support for their loves ones while performing their duties to save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical service providers by designating Navajo Nation Emergency Medical Service Week; now

**THEREFORE**, I, Jonathan Nez, President of the Navajo Nation, and I, Myron Lizer, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim May 16 – 22, 2021 as Navajo Nation Emergency Medical Service Week with the theme, ***This Is EMS: Caring for Our Communities.*** We encourage the Navajo Nation to observe this week to pay tribute to our Emergency Medical Service professionals, whose selfless dedication and extraordinary efforts help save countless lives each day.

**PROCLAIMED THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2021**



Jonathan Nez, *President*  
**The NAVAJO NATION**



Myron Lizer, *Vice President*  
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