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**President Nez honors frontline warriors with
“Navajo Nation Nurses Appreciation Week” proclamation**

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer issued a proclamation on Friday, proclaiming May 6 – 12, 2022 as Navajo Nation Nurses Appreciation Week,” in honor of the tremendous contributions and sacrifices of frontline warriors, including nurses and health care workers who continue to provide care for the Navajo people and save lives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We owe so much to all of our frontline warriors and their families. Nurses, Community Health Representatives, and other health workers are on the frontlines battling COVID-19 every day. They continue to take risks and to make sacrifices that also impact their families. More than ever, our frontline warriors need our help to continue healing our Nation by slowing the spread of COVID-19. As we emerge from the pandemic, we are working together to provide more support for mental health services for our people as well. Please show your appreciation to all nurses and continue to offer prayers for them and our entire Navajo Nation,” 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 nurses, doctors, and many others on the frontlines are the selfless healers who deserve special recognition. It takes a lot out of those serving on the frontlines to continue fighting for all of us. We thank them, their colleagues, and their loved ones for everything that they sacrifice to save lives and improve the quality of life for so many,” said Vice President Lizer.

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, 2022 as Navajo Nation Nurses Appreciation Week.

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THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING MAY 6 – 12, 2022 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 National Nurses Day on May 6, 2022; 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, 2022 as “Navajo Nation Nurses Appreciation Week” throughout the Navajo Nation.

PROCLAIMED THIS 6th DAY OF MAY 2022

Jonathan Nez

Jonathan Nez, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

Myron Lizer

Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
THE NAVAJO NATION