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**Navajo Nation recognizes the week of May 15 - 21
as “Navajo Nation Emergency Medical Services Week”**

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer signed a proclamation recognizing May 15 – 21, 2022, as “Navajo Nation Emergency Medical Services Week” to honor and thank first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, educators, and administrators who save lives every day by responding to emergencies in all Navajo Nation communities.

“Our frontline warriors spend many hours and long nights caring for the needs of our 110 communities and putting their own safety and health at risk to save lives. EMS is critical within our healthcare systems and for our people. Their work and commitment ensure that 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, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said President Nez.

EMS is a vital public service and their service continues to save many 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 this pandemic, the partnership between the hospitals, EMS, and the Navajo Nation Health Command Operations Center is more important than ever. Through teamwork and collaboration, they provide the critical services and coordination to ensure the safety of our citizens. With this proclamation, we offer our continued support for our local EMS and we thank them and their loved ones for the sacrifices,” said Vice President Lizer.

The “Navajo Nation Emergency Medical Service Week” is themed as “This is EMS: Care for our Communities” through the week of May 15 – 21, 2022, and is recognized in conjunction with the “National Emergency Medical Service Week.”

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THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING MAY 15 – 21, 2022 AS “NAVAJO NATION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK”

THE NAVAJO NATION proclaims May 15-21, 2022 as the NAVAJO NATION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 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 Services (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 services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams consist of First Responders, Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, Emergency Medical Dispatchers, Firefighters, Police Officers, Emergency Physicians, Emergency Nurses, Emergency Trauma Technicians, Educators, and Administrators; and

WHEREAS, career and volunteer members of emergency medical services 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, Navajo Nation has a well-established system of EMS providers and services. We wish to celebrate the dedicated volunteers, professionals, and facilities that make Navajo Nation’s EMS system strong; and

WHEREAS, the families of the emergency medical services care team endure 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 services providers by designating Navajo Nation Emergency Medical Services 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 15-21, 2022 as Navajo Nation Emergency Medical Services Week with the theme, *EMS Strong: Ready Today. Preparing for Tomorrow.* We encourage the Navajo Nation to observe this week to pay tribute to our Emergency Medical Services providers, whose selfless dedication and extraordinary efforts help save countless lives each day.

PROCLAIMED THIS 18TH DAY OF MAY 2022


Jonathan Nez, *President*
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Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
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