



The Navajo Nation

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RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO INCREASED MONSOONAL FLOODING POSING A SUBSTANTIAL RISK TO LOSS OF LIFE, SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO PUBLIC HEALTH, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, AND DIRECTING THAT ALL BRANCHES OF THE NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT AND FLOOD IMPACTED CHAPTERS BEGIN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE EMERGENCY RESPONSES AND EMERGENCY FUNDS PURSUANT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE EMERGENCY PLANS.

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C., Sections 881 and 883(a) and (c), the Navajo Nation Council established the Commission on Emergency Management to coordinate emergency and disaster relief service by Navajo Nation and non-tribal entities in conjunction with the Department of Emergency Management; and to recommend to the Navajo Nation Council legislation or other appropriate activity regarding natural and man-made emergencies; and
2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C., Section 884 (B) (2), the Commission on Emergency Management (CEM) will assist in seeking assistance from federal, state, and other tribal governments, local and private agencies to address emergency and disaster related situations; and
3. Recent monsoonal events have led to substantial health and safety risks, such as the bridge washout in the community of Churchrock, New Mexico stranding families, including those on dialysis and with medical needs, as well as, the Little Colorado River communities of Bird Springs, Leupp, Arizona. Weather related fatalities have occurred. Road washouts have limited travel and emergency responses to and from communities and homes, and micro-bursts and funnel cloud sightings have been reported; and
4. The current and continued Drought conditions in the Southwest, including the Navajo Nation, are such that pose a substantial risk to flooding and flash flooding; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management hereby declares a State of Emergency due to increased monsoonal flooding posing a substantial risk to loss of life, significant impact to public health, community infrastructure, property, and directs all branches of the Navajo Nation Government and flood impacted chapters begin planning and implementing their respective emergency responses and emergency funds pursuant to their respective emergency plans, and
2. That this declaration shall be in effect until further notice.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing declaration was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management at duly called meeting in St. Michaels, Navajo Nation, Arizona, at which a quorum was present that the same was passed by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed and 0 abstained, this 4th day of August, 2010.



Herman Shorty, Chairman
Commission on Emergency Management

CONCURRENCE:



Dr. Joe Shirley, Jr., President
THE NAVAJO NATION

Motion: Eugenia Quintana
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