

FIFTH EXECUTIVE ORDER RELATED TO EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS ON THE NAVAJO NATION; FURTHER EXTENDING THE CLOSURE OF NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND RELATED ENTITIES

NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT JUNE 30, 2020

WHEREAS:

- 1. The President of the Navajo Nation serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government with full authority to conduct, supervise, and coordinate personnel and program matters. 2.N.N.C. §1005 (A);
- 2. The President shall have the power to issue an executive order for the purpose of interpreting, implementing or giving administrative effect to statutes of the Navajo Nation in the manner set forth in such statutes. 2.N.N.C. §1005 (C)(14);
- 3. With the concurrence of the President of the Navajo Nation, the Emergency Management Commission shall have the power to declare a state of emergency affecting the Navajo Nation and to obtain, coordinate and oversee assistance, whether in the form of goods, services, equipment, motor vehicles, or personnel, from all Divisions, Departments and Enterprises of the Navajo Nation for use in addressing the requirements of the People in any declared emergency. 2 N.N.C. § 884(B)(1)(3);
- 4. The Emergency Management Commission declared an emergency due to the confirmation of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in regional areas surrounding the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 884(B)(1), See Emergency Management Commission resolutions CEM 20-03-11;
- 5. An Executive Order shall have the force of law upon the recipient. 2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(14).

THEREFORE:

- I, Jonathan Nez, President of the Navajo Nation and I, Myron Lizer, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, by the authority vested in us, hereby issue the following order:
- With the Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Emergency Management Commission, CEM 20-03-11, and Public Health Emergency Orders No. 2020-003, No. 2020-004, No. 2020-005, No. 2020-006, No. 2020-007, No. 2020-008, No. 2020-09, No. 2020-10, No. 2020-11, No. 2020-12, No. 2020-13, No. 2002-14, and No. 2020-15

Navajo Division of Finance, Navajo Division of Social Services, Navajo Division of Human Services, Navajo Division of Community Development, Department of Diné Education, Office of Management and Budget, Navajo Department of Justice, Navajo Department of Health, Navajo Division of General Services, Navajo Division of Transportation, Navajo Veterans Administration, Navajo Division of Economic Development, Navajo Environmental Protection Agency, Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office, Navajo Nation Washington Office, Navajo Telecommunications Regulatory Commission Office, Navajo Enterprises, and those determined by the Branch Chiefs; and,

- b. All Non-Essential Navajo Nation government employees, as determined by the Division Director, affected by this Executive Order shall be granted Administrative Leave for the duration of the closure and are directed to refrain from events, gatherings, or other areas where they may contract COVID-19, and to observe and follow all Public Health Emergency Orders, including curfews and stay-at-home orders; and,
- c. The closure of Navajo Nation government offices may be extended beyond **July 26**, **2020** on the recommendation of the Navajo Health Command Operations Center, the Navajo Department of Emergency Management Operation Center, and the Navajo Epidemiology Center.
- 2. All Navajo Nation Divisions, Departments, Programs, Offices, non-governance certified Chapters, Enterprises, and Navajo casinos shall follow the direction of the Public Health Emergency Orders requiring all Navajo citizens to limit their movement which means staying at home and leaving for Essential Activities only; and comply with the curfew hours by staying home between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M. MDT and complying with weekend or other curfew hours.

The Navajo Nation Divisions, Departments, Programs, Offices, non-governance certified Chapters, Enterprises, and Navajo casinos are responsible for implementing and ensuring compliance with this order.

The provisions of this order shall be implemented consistent with the laws of the Navajo Nation and in a manner that advances the highest welfare of the People.

EXECUTED this 30th day of June 2020

Jonathan Nez, President THE NAVAJO NATION Myron Lizer, Vice-President
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