EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 004-2021

EXECUTIVE ORDER RELATED TO NAVAJO NATION STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS; RESUMING SERVICES OF NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND RELATED ENTITIES

NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
FEBRUARY 5, 2021

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:

1. The declared state of emergency for the Navajo Nation remains in place due to confirmation of the spread of COVID-19;

2. The Navajo Nation shall resume all government services on **February 8, 2021**; all Administrative Leave is cancelled, and all employees, designated Essential and Non-Essential, shall return to work either at their worksite or other approved locations;

3. The Navajo Nation travel restrictions remain in place due to COVID-19 spread in and around the Navajo Nation; and all Navajo Nation employees are restricted from off-reservation travel;

4. All Navajo Nation employees returning to work shall follow the Navajo Nation Executive Branch COVID-19 Worksite Safety Guidelines and Priorities, *see* https://www.navajoreopening.navajo-nsn.gov/, and when approved, Navajo Nation employees and supervisors shall follow the Navajo Nation Department of Personnel Management Telecommuting Policy and Flexible Work Schedule, *see* http://www.dpm.navajo-nsn.gov/ or individual Division/Department/Program/Office/Enterprise return to work protocol;

5. The Navajo Nation shall continue to follow the orders set in the Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Emergency Management Commission, CEM 20-03-11, and Public Health Emergency Orders (*see* www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19);

6. All Navajo Nation Branches, Divisions, Departments, programs, offices, Chapters, Enterprises, and Navajo casinos shall comply with and adhere to directives and instructions of this Executive Order; and,

7. The Navajo Nation Divisions, Departments, Programs, Offices, Chapters, Enterprises, and Navajo casinos are responsible for implementing and ensuring compliance with this Executive 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 5th day of February 2021

Jonathan Nez, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

Myron Lizer, *Vice-President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

ATTEST: Doreen N. McPaul
Doreen N. McPaul, *Attorney General*
Navajo Nation Department of Justice