THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 002-19
DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO SEVERE WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS

NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
FEBRUARY 19, 2019

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 enumerated power of issuing 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 severe weather conditions affecting the Navajo Nation over several days. 2 N.N.C. § 884(B)(1), *See* Emergency Management Commission resolution CEM 19-02-19;

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. With the support of the Emergency Management Commission, a state of emergency is declared affecting the Navajo Nation citizens and residents due to the severe winter weather conditions creating dangerous travel conditions, impassible roads in remote areas and

eventual flooding in many communities. *See* 2018 Navajo Nation Hazard Mitigation Plan. As such:

a. The Emergency Operations Center shall be staffed throughout the emergency condition under the direction of Harland Cleveland, Director, Department of Emergency Management;

b. All Divisions, Departments and Enterprises shall designate a lead person to coordinate with the Emergency Operations Center throughout the emergency conditions; and,

c. All government entities participating in providing services through the state of emergency shall maintain complete records of personnel and services provided.

2. The Emergency Operations Center, Divisions, Departments and Enterprises shall focus attention on persons with health-related conditions, disabled persons, Navajo Elders and school children.

3. Navajo Nation Chapters, participating in the State of Emergency, shall coordinate with the Emergency Operations Center on all emergency related activities through their respective Community Emergency Response Team.

The Division, Department and Enterprises 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 19th day of February, 2019.

Jonathan Nez, *President*

Myron Lizer, *Vice-President*

ATTEST:

Doreen N. McPaul, *Attorney General*