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DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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**For Immediate Release**  
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**The Department for Self Reliance's Open Three Days a Week  
During the Extended Navajo Nation Government Office Closures**

**Window Rock, AZ** – On Wednesday, June 3, 2020, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer extended the Navajo Nation's Declaration of a State of Emergency and the closure of Navajo Nation government offices until July 5<sup>th</sup>.

As a department, established under the Navajo Nation Division of Social Services (NDSS), the Department for Self Reliance (DSR) is considered essential, therefore, the DSR will continue to provide their need-based programs, three days a week, during the closure. However, the DSR Chinle office will be under full closure until June 12, 2020, due to COVID-19 added precautions.

Starting the week of June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 through July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, DSR locations will be open only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to answer phone calls, respond to emails, and accept documents and applications, via drop boxes. All DSR offices do not allow Customers, applicants and the public access to the inside of their offices.

All DSR services are need-based programs that require an application for services to determine eligibility for assistance. To request for an application for any of the following DSR's services: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Burial Assistance, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, General Assistance, Community Services Block Grant, call (866) 347-2403, email [info@nntanf.org](mailto:info@nntanf.org), visit [www.nndsr.navajo-nsn.gov](http://www.nndsr.navajo-nsn.gov). Applications and documents can be scanned and emailed, or mailed. Drop boxes are available at each DSR location during regular business hours. When dropping off documents, call the DSR office to alert them of your drop off.

To apply for Burial Assistance, you must go directly to one of the contracted mortuaries listed below:

- Alameda Mortuary, Albuquerque, NM, (505) 898-3160
- Compassion Mortuary, Grants, NM (866) 292-0086
- Cope Memorial Chapel, Gallup, NM (505) 722-6671
- Cope Memorial Chapel, Kirtland, NM (505) 598-9636
- Daniel's Family Funeral Services, Socorro, NM, (575) 835-1530
- Desert View Funeral Home, Shiprock, NM, (505) 368-4607
- Rollie Mortuary, Gallup, NM (505) 863-4452
- Silver Creek Mortuary, Gallup, NM (505) 371-3690
- Tse Bonito Mortuary, Tse Bonito, NM (505) 371-5565
- Summit Funeral Home, Saint Michaels, AZ, (928) 871-1120
- Valley Ridge Mortuary, Tuba City, AZ (928) 640-7677

Burial Assistance is a P.L. 93-638 program, unlike the NDSS COVID-19 Burial Assistance program which is a separate general funded program for those who have lost their lives to COVID-19. P.L. 93-638 Burial Assistance provides a standard amount of funds to assist with the burial expenses of deceased indigent individuals who do not have sufficient resources to meet funeral expenses. Both the P.L. 93-638 Burial Assistance and the NDSS COVID-19 Burial Assistance are available with the listed contracted mortuaries above.

The listed mortuaries are in an agreement with the Navajo Nation to provide services for individuals who qualify for P.L. 93-638 Burial Assistance program and reserve the right to decline requests for services. Mortuaries not listed above, do not provide burial services in partnership with the P.L. 93-638 Burial Assistance program.

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