March 24, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: All Ramah Navajo 93-638 Grants & Contracts Employees

From: Darel J. Maria, Acting Executive Director

Re: Emergency Stay at Home (Shelter in Place) for non-essential employees to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-003 (attached), and the State of New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham’s “Instruction to Stay Home” order, the Ramah Navajo Acting Executive Director has made a decision to shut down the non-essential operations of the Ramah Navajo 93-638 Grants & Contracts programs. The closure will be in effect immediately from March 24, 2020 through April 10, 2020 unless otherwise extended by Navajo Nation or the State of New Mexico. Administrative leave will continue to be granted during this period.

Law Enforcement, Corrections, Transportation, Facilities Management, Natural Resources staff and others working for or to support Essential Operations are exempt from this to continue operations to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the Ramah Navajo Community. All essential functions shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, to the full extent possible.

All non-essential Ramah Navajo employees and their families are required to stay home to help protect our community by preventing exposure to people who have or may have the contagious COVID-19 virus. The intent of this Emergency Stay at Home directive is to ensure the maximum number of people on the Ramah Navajo community self-quarantine (showing no symptoms of sickness) or self-isolate (showing symptoms of sickness) in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while addressing the critically essential needs of the Ramah Navajo community in order to minimize the spread of the of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. This matter needs to be taken seriously as if you had the virus yourself and to absolutely refrain from traveling and to remain at home. In other words, you should not be seen out and about in the community.

We want to save lives from contracting the virus, our families, people in our community and everyone else. Social Distancing is very critical and essential, avoid all non-essential travel.

Let’s all come together and protect our families and community people from the corona virus disease.

Acknowledged: David Jose, President, Ramah Navajo Chapter

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