



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03-2015

**INITIATE THE "BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF HOPE" INITIATIVE TO
ORGANIZE A ONE NATION, ONE VOICE APPROACH TO ADDRESS
SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR OUR NAVAJO PEOPLE**

**THE NAVAJO NATION
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NOVEMBER 30, 2015

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. An executive order shall have the force of law upon the recipient. *Id.*

THEREFORE:

I, Russell Begaye, President of the Navajo Nation and I, Jonathan Nez, Vice-President of the Navajo Nation, by the authority vested in us, we hereby issue the following order:

1. Establish the "Building Communities of Hope" Initiative, which is to bring hope back to our communities and awareness to suicide by organizing our Navajo Nation Government to develop a suicide prevention, response, and post-vention program.
2. The third week of December and second week of June shall be declared "Navajo Nation Suicide Prevention Week" this week shall be to bring awareness and education on this issue and include:

- a. Training for all Navajo Nation employees;
 - b. Divisions and Departments shall host, participate and initiate activities that carries out "Building Communities of Hope" Initiative; and
 - c. Support the Prevention Tour across the Navajo Nation to provide information and training to our People, from our children, youth, adults and our elders.
3. The Department of Health, Division of Social Services, Division of Public Safety and Department of Diné Education shall lead and are directed to initiate the "Building Communities of Hope" Initiative and any and all other Divisions, Department and Programs, as requested, shall share information and cooperate in the implementation of the "Building Communities of Hope". This will include:
- a. Collaborate and coordinate with the non-profit, national, tribal, non-tribal, federal, faith-based organizations and schools in implementing this Initiative, such as National Suicide Prevention LIFELINE and National organizations.
 - b. Develop a post-vention strategy, which may include subcontracting with technical teams.
 - c. Develop a Navajo Nation information poster to be disseminated across the Navajo Nation by December 10, 2015 that shall include a National Suicide Prevention LIFELINE and information on where people can seek help.
 - d. Develop a "Building Communities of Hope" website, social media campaign with Facebook, Twitter, and billboards, posters, cards that can provide information to our People such as a LIFELINE.
4. By December 18, 2015, all Divisions, Departments and Programs are directed and shall be required to post the "Building Communities of Hope" poster in a conspicuous location at the entrance of all Navajo Nation Government Buildings and Chapter Houses.
5. Responsibility for implementation. The Division/Department Directors and Chapter Managers are responsible for implementing and ensuring compliance with this order.
6. Consistency with other laws. The provisions of this order shall be implemented consistent with the laws of the Nation and highest welfare of the Navajo people.

EXECUTED this 30th day of November, 2015


Russell Begaye, *President*


Jonathan Nez, *Vice-President*

ATTEST;


Ethel Branch, *Attorney General*