FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 31, 2020

RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT

Window Rock, Arizona - The Navajo Board of Election Supervisors, through the Navajo Election Administration, announces that the inauguration for the 2020 Chapter Election will be held virtually. This inauguration will be for the newly elected Chapter Officials, Grazing Committee Members, Land Board Members, Navajo Board of Election Supervisors, LGA Certified Chapter Officials, Farm Board Members, and Kayenta Township Commissioners that were elected on November 3, 2020.

The 2020 Chapter Election Inauguration is set for January 6, 2021 and will be held via ZOOM. The first call-in will be at 10:00 a.m. and the 2nd call-in at 12:00 p.m. Call-in information for ZOOM will be on the agenda, which will made available on the Navajo Election Administration’s website, the Navajo Nation Legislative Branch’s website, the Navajo Nation Office of the President & Vice President’s website and via the Navajo Election Administration’s Facebook account.

Officials who will be sworn into office will have to pick up an Oath of Office form starting January 4, 2021 at their respective Navajo Election Administration agency office or they may download and print the form from the Navajo Election Administration’s website, the Navajo Nation Legislative Branch’s website, the Navajo Nation Office of the President & Vice President’s website or via the Navajo Election Administration’s Facebook account. The Oath of Office form will be required to swear into office and officials will have to complete the form and return it to the Navajo Election Administration for processing after the inauguration.

For additional information please call the Navajo Election Administration at 1-800-775-8683.
AGENDA OF THE
2020 CHAPER ELECTION VIRTUAL INAUGURATION

LOCATION: Via ZOOM Teleconference Call
DATE: Wednesday, January 6, 2021
TIME: 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

MASTER OF CEREMONY
Honorable Edison J. Wauneka, Delegate
Oak Springs, St. Michaels
24th Navajo Nation Council

I. Invocation
   Raymond Maxx, NBOES Vice Chair
   Navajo Board of Election Supervisors

II. Welcome Address
    Melvin Harrison, NBOES Chair
    Navajo Board of Election Supervisors

III. Special Address
     Honorable Seth Damon,
     Speaker of the 24th Navajo Nation Council

IV. Oath Office
    Honorable Eleanor Shirley, Associate Justice
    The Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation
    Administered as follows:
    Chapter President, Chapter Vice President, Chapter
    Secretary/ Treasurer, Grazing Official, Land Board Official,
    Farm Board Official, Commissioner, and Navajo Board of
    Election Supervisor.

V. Closing Remarks:
   Veronica Curley, Voter Registration Specialist
   Ft. Defiance Agency, Navajo Election Administration

VI. Close of Session; Announcements; Adjournment

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ZOOM CALL IN INFORMATION:
10:00 AM Inauguration ZOOM Information

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Passcode: 899290

12:00 PM Inauguration ZOOM Information

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LINES WILL BE RESERVED FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS ONLY.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Date: 31 December 2020

To: ALL CONCERNED

From: Rodriguez Morris, Interim Executive Director
Navajo Election Administration

RE: Virtual Inauguration via ZOOM
Chapter Election Inaugural Event, January 6, 2021 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

1. This memorandum shall set out the procedures and parameters for the 2020 Chapter Election Inaugural Event by internet and telecommunication via ZOOM set for January 6, 2020 10:00 a.m. and the 2nd call in for 12:00 p.m.

2. The NEA will have access to use of Navajo Nation government assigned vehicles to plan, prepare and oversee operations for the inauguration. All need assets to include staff will be readily available for assignments to assist the Voter Registration Specialist (VRS) in all 5 agencies and will thus be assigned via the chain of command. The VRS in each agency will also have the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors (NBOES) available to assist the VRS and thus all requests will be made via the chain of command. All NEA staff tour of duty will commence from January 4, 2021 through January 6, 2021 for the inauguration.

3. The Navajo Nation via the Court Solicitor William Morris has confirmed that Supreme Court Justice Eleanor Shirley will be available to administer the oath of office via ZOOM on January 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. The oath of office will be completed by position as follows; Chapter President, Chapter Vice President, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Grazing Official, Land Board Official, Farm Board Official, Commissioners and Navajo Board of Election Supervisors.

4. The NEA will have copies of the Oath of Office Form made available for elected officials at all agency offices by January 4th 2021, 8:00 a.m. The forms will also be made available for download on the NEA website by December 31, 2020 and will also be sent out via Navajo Nation Employee mass email.

5. The NEA will provide all officials via phone calls and in-person at all offices to the call-in instructions for the virtual inauguration.
6. The NEA will use the NBOES Resolution and NEA’s Official Certification List of officials who are eligible to be sworn into office.

7. All officials will be responsible for picking up their Oath of Office form for the NEA agency offices before the inauguration on January 6, 2021. Officials will then review and sign the Oath of Office form during the inauguration when they swear into office and thereafter the official will return the Oath of Office form to the NEA agency office after the inauguration for processing (this will be done at drop boxes at NEA agency offices and by mail; the original documents will need to be returned to the NEA for processing).

8. All officials will call the into ZOOM by 9:45 a.m., the Inauguration will commence promptly at 10:00 a.m. Any official who is unable to call in for the 10:00 inauguration will have to call in for the 2nd call by 11:45 p.m and the 2nd inauguration will commence by 12:00 p.m.

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9. The NEA upon completing the processing of the Oath of Office forms will then provide signed Certificate of Elections, via mail service, to all officials via their home of record address on file, this will validate the official’s inauguration into office for the 2020 Chapter Election.

10. The NEA will forward any communication on the inauguration to DCD for dissemination to all Chapters and LGA Certified Local Government at their discretion. The DCD states that the staff members to include ASC staff and SPPSs will be available to assist the NEA for the virtual inauguration.

12. NEA Legal Counsel, Benson Begay will be available to advise the NEA on any legal matters pertaining to planning, implementing and executing the inaugural event per Navajo Nation law.

13. The POC number for questions concerning this memorandum is 1-800-775-8683, the Navajo Election Administration.
Certificate of Election

NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT

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RECEIVED A PLURALITY OF VOTES IN THE 2020 NAVAJO NATION GENERAL ELECTION AND THAT SAID PERSON THEREFORE HAS BEEN DUELY AND LAWFULLY ELECTED

TO BE SENT VIA MAIL SERVICE AFTER INAUGURATION AND OATH OF OFFICE IS RETURNED TO THE NEA REPRESENTING

CERTIFIED ON THIS DAY ___ OF DECEMBER 2020

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Melvin Harrison, Chairperson  Rodriguez Morris, Interim Executive Director
Navajo Board of Election Supervisors  Navajo Election Administration
THE NAVAJO NATION
Navajo Board of Election Supervisors
Oath of Office
For All Elective Positions of the Navajo Nation

I, JOHN DOE,

do solemnly swear to uphold and abide by the laws of the Navajo Nation and Treaty of 1868 between the Navajo Nation and the United States of America and will faithfully execute the office of

Chapter President
representing
_________________________ Chapter

and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the laws and government of the Navajo Nation and advance the interests of the Navajo people, having due regard for the ethical duties and responsibilities of the office;
So help me God.

_________________________ Signature

CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that the above oath was sworn to and subscribed in my presence this 6th day of January, 2021.

Dated: 01/06/21

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Honorable Eleanor Shirley,
Associate Justice Navajo Supreme Court

WITNESS:

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