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## New Hospital Building to be Constructed in Ganado, Applauded by Navajo Nation Council

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PHOTO: Council Delegates Vince James and Charlaine Tso attend the Sage Memorial Hospital ground breaking ceremony.

**GANADO, Ariz.** — Today, members of the 24th Navajo Nation Council joined the Sage Memorial Hospital Board of Directors for an official groundbreaking ceremony for a new hospital building and medical offices in Ganado, Ariz.

The new facility will include a 90,000 square foot two-story hospital building, medical office building, and on-site employee housing situated on an 18-acre site with additional parking spaces.

"The Navajo people are deserving of good jobs that are located here on our homeland," said Delegate Vince James. "This hospital expansion is an investment into our region and will have significant economic impact. It will create hundreds of new jobs and employ our own Navajo workers to provide the best medical service for our families. The Navajo Health Foundation has given so much to our community, especially fighting on the frontlines during this pandemic to keep our people healthy and strong."

When opened at full operational capacity, the new hospital campus is expected to create approximately 100 new jobs for the Navajo people in the Ganado area.

"This new hospital development will provide world class medical service, especially during this ongoing pandemic," said Speaker Seth Damon (Bááhaalí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Red Rock, Rock Springs, Tséyatoh). "The Ganado hospital will create new employment opportunities throughout its construction and employ contractors with a majority Navajo workforce. The Navajo Nation Council commends the leadership of the Navajo Health Foundation for pushing this project forward."

Health, Education, and Human Services Committee (HEHSC) Chairman Daniel Tso, Council Delegate Vince James, and Delegate Charlaine Tso attended the ceremony alongside representatives from the Navajo Health Foundation, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, and Vice President Myron Lizer.

"This year has been a year of milestones for Sage Memorial Hospital. The Board of Directors has worked to re-define the Hospital's mission, vision and values statements, re-brand the Hospital with a new logo, and now breaking ground on a new hospital campus. Sage Memorial Hospital has a 100-year legacy of providing healthcare to the Navajo people. It is our hope that with these important milestones that we continue that legacy and build upon quality, innovation and dynamic care and facilities for our community," said Delores Noble, Sage Memorial Hospital Board of Directors Chair.

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