



**NAVAJO NATION PROCLAMATION
IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
THE LATE NAVAJO CODE TALKER JOHN BROWN, JR.**

WHEREAS, The Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of the late John Brown, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, The late John Brown, Jr., was a renowned Navajo Code Talker, and one of the original 29, who served the United States of America, the U.S. Marine Corps, and the Navajo Nation during World War II with courage, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, The late John Brown, Jr., endured the horrors of combat in the Pacific Theatre battles on the islands of Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian and Guadalcanal; and

WHEREAS, The late John Brown, Jr., was an active member of the Navajo Code Talkers Association who traveled the country to educate the public about the courageous feats and accomplishments of his comrades in arms; and

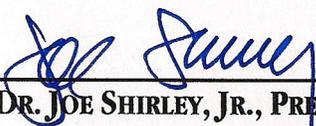
WHEREAS, In recognition of his honorable service to our country, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President George W. Bush on July 26, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The late John Brown, Jr., was a beloved member of the Crystal, New Mexico, community and served as a Navajo Tribal Council delegate from 1962 to 1982, and served three terms as Crystal Chapter president after his service as a council delegate; and

WHEREAS, The Navajo Nation unites and offers prayers and deepest condolences to his family during this time of grief.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED: In honor of the late Navajo Code Talker John Brown, Jr., all flags on the Navajo Nation shall be flown at half-staff from May 21, 2009, through May 26, 2009.

PROCLAIMED THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2009



**DR. JOE SHIRLEY, JR., PRESIDENT
THE NAVAJO NATION**