



**NAVAJO NATION PROCLAMATION  
IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
THE LATE NAVAJO CODE TALKER WILLIE K. BEGAY**

**WHEREAS,** The Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of the late Willie K. Begay; and

**WHEREAS,** The late Willie K. Begay was a renowned Navajo Code Talker 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 Willie K. Begay served from August 10, 1944, to July 5, 1946; and

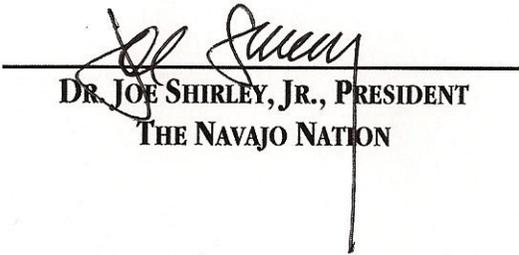
**WHEREAS,** The late Willie K. Begay served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division, was overseas for 11 months, and endured the horrors of combat; and

**WHEREAS,** In recognition of his honorable service to our country, he was awarded the Congressional Silver Medal in 2001; 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 Willie K. Begay, all flags on the Navajo Nation shall be flown at half-staff from June 4, 2009, through June 6, 2009.

**PROCLAIMED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2009**

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