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COMMEMORATING THE CREATION OF THE NAVAJO COURT SYSTEM

The judicial districts of the Navajo Nation annually observe Justice Day to commemorate the creation of the Navajo courts. The Navajo tribe established its own court system effective April 1, 1959. This year marks the 58th anniversary of the Navajo Nation's court system.

The establishment of our court system came about as the state governments were considering taking over the Navajo tribal courts. Our Navajo leaders had the foresight to ensure that our courts were under Navajo jurisdiction.

Today the Navajo Nation courts are known as the flagship of indigenous courts. Many people look to our court system to protect the sovereignty of all American Indian courts.

The judicial districts take pride in presenting their courts to the public during Justice Day activities. It gives the public an opportunity to visit the courts and to learn about how our justice system works. Justice Day is a unique opportunity to commemorate the history of our government and to learn about the present day operations.

The judicial districts will be observing Justice Day with various activities that are open to the public. The courts will be holding Justice Day on the following dates and at the following locations:

April 4, 2017

Crownpoint Judicial District, Crownpoint, N.M.

Dził Yijiin Judicial District, Pinon, Ariz.

April 5, 2017

Dilkon Judicial District, Dilkon, Ariz.

April 7, 2017

Tuba City Judicial District, Tuba City, Ariz.

Kayenta Judicial District, Kayenta, Ariz.

Aneth Judicial District, Aneth, Utah

April 21, 2017

Chinle Judicial District, Chinle, Ariz.

May 2, 2017

Window Rock Judicial District, Window Rock, Ariz.

May 3, 2017

Alamo Court, Alamo, N.M.

May 5, 2017

Ramah Judicial District, Ramah, N.M.

May 9, 2017

To'hajiilee Court, To'hajiilee N.M.

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