



## 23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

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### **Navajo Nation Council offers condolences to the family of Milton Bluehouse, Sr.**

**WINDOW ROCK** – On behalf of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council, Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland) offers his condolences to the family of Milton Bluehouse, Sr., former Council Delegate and former interim President who passed away on Monday morning at the age of 82.

Bluehouse is Tł'ízí łaní (Many Goats Clan) and born for Honágháahnii (One-Walks-Around Clan). He is originally from Ganado, Arizona and served two terms as a member of the Navajo Nation Council, and served as Navajo Nation President on an interim basis in 1998.

“Honorable Milton Bluehouse, Sr. was a great leader for the Navajo Nation and he will be greatly missed. He was a strong advocate for many issues, especially for upholding and protecting the sovereignty of the Navajo people. On behalf of the Navajo Nation Council, we send our condolences to his wife Irma, and all of their family,” said Speaker Bates, who served alongside Bluehouse as members of the Council.

Bluehouse was a strong advocate for many issues including education, job creation, and for Navajo sovereignty.

Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd (Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kin Dah Lichíí, Steamboat), who represents Bluehouse's hometown of Ganado, also offered his condolences and spoke highly of his accomplishments and leadership.

“His legacy in leadership is without a doubt unwavering as a Council Delegate for our community and his call to duty as Navajo President was held in high confidence amongst our Nation's leaders at the time. He definitely left his footprints for generations to come. My sincere condolences go to his wife, children, and relatives. He will be missed,” stated Delegate Shepherd.

The family will hold meetings on Monday and Tuesday beginning at 5:30 p.m. each day at the Ganado Chapter house in Ganado, Arizona.

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