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President Shelly Orders the Navajo Flag to Fly at Half-Staff to Commemorate Victims of School Shooting

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly ordered the Navajo Nation Flag be flown at half-staff in honor of families who are mourning the loss of loved ones as a result of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings.

President Shelly ordered the Navajo Nation flag be flown at half-staff beginning today through sundown on Monday, Dec. 24.

President Shelly released the following statement:

“ Today, in honor of the victims whose lives were tragically cut short last week at Sandy Hook Elementary School, and as we join America in solidarity of recognizing this tragic event, I order that the Navajo Nation Flag to be flown at half-staff from today through sundown, Monday, December 24.

During this time, I ask that we cherish our children and remember that life is precious. As many in America have called for a moments of silence, ringing of bells or performing 26 good deeds, as President of the Navajo Nation, I ask each of you to offer prayers to the victim’s families as they mourn. I also ask that you pray for our Navajo children so that their wellbeing will remain intact. And also offer prayers for our educators who work tirelessly to brighten the future of our children.

Though Sandy Hook Elementary School is hundreds of miles to the east, I encourage schools on the Navajo Nation and in surrounding communities to reevaluate their security plans and take precautionary measures as needed. Our children are our most precious resource. They have our dreams in their hands.”

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