



THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE LATE
NAVAJO CODE TALKER PFC SAMUEL "JESSE" SMITH, SR.

WHEREAS, The Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of the late Samuel "Jesse" Smith, Sr., who served in the U.S. Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, The late Samuel Smith, Sr. was a Navajo Code Talker who served the United States of America, the Navajo Nation, and U.S. Marine Corps with courage, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, The late Samuel Smith, Sr., served as a Private First Class and saw combat in the Battle of Roi Namur, the Battle of Saipan, Battle of Tinian and Battle of Iwo Jima in the Pacific Theater, during World War II; and whereupon he was Honorably Discharged on after the Battle of Iwo Jima in 1944; and

WHEREAS, The late Samuel Smith, Sr., was a beloved member of the 4th Marine Division; and member of the Navajo Code Talkers; and

WHEREAS, The Navajo Nation unites and offers prayers for his family and friends during this time of grief.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEN SHELLY, President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim that all flags shall be flown at half-staff in honor of the late Navajo Code Talker Samuel "Jesse" Smith, Sr., from sunrise on April 15 to sunset on April 18, 2014.

ORDERED THIS 15th DAY OF APRIL 2014



Ben Shelly, President
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