



THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE LATE NAVAJO CODE TALKER CORPORAL CHESTER NEZ

WHEREAS, The Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of the late Navajo Code Talker Chester Nez, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, The late Chester Nez 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 Chester Nez served as a Corporal and saw combat in the Battle of Guadal Canal, Battle of Guam, Battle of Peleiu, and Battle of Bogainville, during World War II; and whereupon he was Honorably Discharged in 1945; and

WHEREAS, The late Chester Nez, was a beloved member of the Original 29 Navajo Code Talkers; and member of the 382nd Platoon in the U.S. Marine Corps; 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 on the Navajo Nation shall be flown at half-staff in honor of the late Navajo Code Talker Chester Nez, from sunrise on June 5 to sunset on June 8, 2014.

ORDERED THIS 4th DAY OF JUNE 2014

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ben Shelly".

Ben Shelly, President
THE NAVAJO NATION