



## THE NAVAJO NATION

# *Proclamation*

## IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE LATE NAVAJO CODE TALKER WILFORD BUCK

WHEREAS, The Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of the late Wilford Buck, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, The late Wilford Buck 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; serving from 1944 to 1947, when he was honorably discharged; and

WHEREAS, The late Wilford Buck served as a Navajo Code Talker and was stationed in Pearl Harbor, Saigon and Japan; and

WHEREAS, The late Wilford Buck also was a Navajo Code Talker and a beloved member of the Navajo Code Talker Association, traveling to many states to participate in book signings and share the story 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 Navajo Nation flags shall be flown at half-staff in honor of the late Navajo Code Talker Wilford Buck, from sunrise on September 18 to sunset on September 21, 2014.

**ORDERED THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ben Shelly", is written over a horizontal line.

**Ben Shelly, President**  
**THE NAVAJO NATION**