



**THE NAVAJO NATION**

*Proclamation*

**IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
NAVAJO CODE TALKER ERNEST YAZHE.**

**WHEREAS,** The Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of Navajo Code Talker Ernest Yazhe, who bravely served the United States of America in World War II; and

**WHEREAS,** Ernest Yazhe served in the U.S. Marine Corps with courage, honor and distinction from 1942 to February, 1946, when he was honorably discharged; and

**WHEREAS,** Ernest Yazhe was stationed and trained as a Code Talker in New Caledonia and fought as a Navajo Code Talker in both Guam and Okinawa; and

**WHEREAS,** The Navajo Nation has suffered the loss of another great Navajo Code Talker, a hero and brave warrior and we offer our prayers and condolences to his family and friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RUSSELL BEGAYE,** President of the Navajo Nation, and I, **JONATHAN NEZ** Vice-President of the Navajo Nation do hereby proclaim that all flags shall be flown at half-staff in honor and in memory of the late Ernest Yazhe on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

**ORDERED THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF January 2016**

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Russell Begaye, *President*  
**THE NAVAJO NATION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Nez".

Jonathan Nez, *Vice-President*  
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