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**PRESIDENT BEGAYE AND VICE PRESIDENT NEZ MOURN PASSING OF
CROWNPOINT CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT CECELIA NEZ**

CROWNPOINT N.M.-With heavy hearts, President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez learned about the passing of Crownpoint Chapter Vice President Cecelia J. Nez.

According to a memorandum released by the Crownpoint Chapter President Rita Capitan, Nez passed away on the morning of Sept. 9, 2016 in Phoenix, Ariz.

“Our Chapter officials are critical in bringing forth issues representative of their constituency. Vice President Cecelia J. Nez was greatly involved in advocating on behalf of elderly and land issues. She was progress driven and that’s what I appreciated about her. Although she will be greatly missed, her work at the chapter level will serve as her legacy,” President Begaye said.

In her memorandum, Chapter President Capitan said that Nez had talked about her health issues but didn’t let them stop her from moving projects forward.

“Her compassion to help move community issues forward will be remembered,” Chapter President Capitan said.

Vice President Jonathan Nez asks for prayers from the Navajo Nation for the family of Cecelia J. Nez.

“It’s a tragedy to lose any of our staff or officials. At a chapter level, the president and vice president help to ensure that progress is being made on projects that are important to the community. This is where Vice President Cecilia J. Nez will be missed. The Office of the President and Vice President send their utmost condolences to her family,” he said.

The funeral service for Cecelia J. Nez will be held on Wednesday, Sep. 14, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Crownpoint St. Paul’s Catholic Church. Burial will follow at the Crownpoint Community Cemetery.

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