



THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING

August 12-16, 2019

AS

“NAVAJO NATION CODE TALKERS WEEK”

The Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, and Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation hereby recognizes August 12-16, 2019 as “Navajo Nation Code Talkers Week.” We acknowledge and commemorate the invaluable contributions of the Navajo Code Talkers in collaboration with “Navajo Code Talker Day” to honor those brave men who protected our people, freedom, and land, and give this special recognition:

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation answered the call of the United States of America during World War II and sent brave men and boys to defend the Navajo people, Navajo Nation, and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, these Navajo Marines helped to devise an impenetrable code based on the Navajo language to help the United States win and end World War II, saving countless American lives; and

WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan in 1982 signed a presidential proclamation designating August 14th as *National Navajo Code Talkers Day* to properly recognize the Navajo Code Talkers and express appreciation to all Native Americans who served the United States during times of war; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation in 2006 declared August 14th of each year as *Navajo Nation Code Talkers Day* to recognize the Navajo Code Talkers who gave their service for the good of their country and people; and

WHEREAS, we offer this proclamation to dedicate this week to commemorating the Navajo Code Talkers and their courage, sacrifices and contributions and to celebrate all those who served in the United States Armed Forces.

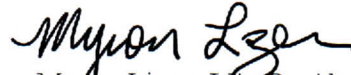
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN NEZ, President of the Navajo Nation, and **I, MYRON LIZER**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, and **I, SETH DAMON**, Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, and **I, JOANN JAYNE**, Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, do hereby

proclaim and recognize the week of August 12-16, 2019 as "Navajo Nation Code Talkers Week." We call upon all residents of the Navajo Nation to join in celebration and honor of this special week.

ORDERED THIS 12th DAY OF AUGUST 2019



Jonathan Nez, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION



Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
THE NAVAJO NATION



Seth Damon, *Speaker*
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL



JoAnn Jayne, *Chief Justice*
NAVAJO NATION SUPREME COURT