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### **Navajo President Joe Shirley, Jr., issues proclamation to lower flags to half-staff in honor of late Navajo Chief Justice Virgil L. Kirk**

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., today declared flags on the Navajo Nation be lowered to half-staff in honor of the late Navajo Nation Chief Justice Virgil L. Kirk, who died Nov. 30.

In a proclamation signed today, the President said that the Navajo Nation “is greatly saddened by the loss of our former Chief Justice, the Honorable Virgil L. Kirk, Sr.” and declared flags to be flown at half-staff from Dec. 5 to Dec. 11, 2005.

He said that as a U.S. Marine, Chief Justice Kirk served the United States and the Navajo Nation with honor and courage.

“The late Honorable Virgil L. Kirk, Sr., contributed richly to the development of the Navajo Nation Judicial System,” he said. “He also has a long and distinguished public service record as a police officer and captain, a school board member for various schools in the Northern Navajo Agency and as a council delegate for the Shiprock Chapter.”

The President said that as the second Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation from 1970 to 1978, Chief Justice Kirk served with integrity and compassion.

“For his contributions to the Navajo justice system and for his long and distinguished public service record, the Navajo Nation owes a tremendous debt of gratitude” to Chief Justice Kirk, the President said.

The funeral for the late Chief Justice is schedule for 10 a.m. Dec. 7 at Christ the King Church in Shiprock, N.M.

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