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*Early release Friday because of weather*

# Navajo Nation employees given Tuesday off for day of remembrance of late President Ford

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., has declared Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, a day of remembrance for the late President Gerald Ford, who died Tuesday.

All Navajo Nation offices, with the exception of essential services such as public safety, will be closed.

Also, the President has given tribal employees two hours early release from 3-to-5 p.m. today, Friday, because of hazardous driving conditions from last night's snowfall across the Navajo Nation.

On Thursday, President Shirley issued a proclamation to honor and recognize the late U.S. President Gerald Ford and ordered flags flown at half-staff on the Navajo Nation from Dec. 28 through Jan. 5, 2007.

"The Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of former United States President, the Honorable Gerald Ford," President Shirley said.

On Thursday, President Bush ordered all federal offices closed Tuesday, January 2, 2007, as a mark of respect for the late President Ford.

President Ford is remembered by Native people for signing P.L. 95-638, the Indian Self-Determination Act, in January 1975. He also signed the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize significantly improved resources for Indian health care delivery.

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