NAVajo Nation Proclamation
In Honor and Recognition of
the Late Navajo Code Talker Willie K. Begay

Whereas, the Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of the late Willie K. Begay; and

Whereas, the late Willie K. Begay was a renowned Navajo Code Talker who served the United States of America, the U.S. Marine Corps, and the Navajo Nation during World War II with courage, honor and distinction; and

Whereas, the late Willie K. Begay served from August 10, 1944, to July 5, 1946; and

Whereas, the late Willie K. Begay served with the 3rd Marine Division, was overseas for 11 months, and endured the horrors of combat; and

Whereas, in recognition of his honorable service to our country, he was awarded the Congressional Silver Medal in 2001; and

Whereas, the Navajo Nation unites and offers prayers and deepest condolences to his family during this time of grief.

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed: In honor of the late Navajo Code Talker Willie K. Begay, all flags on the Navajo Nation shall be flown at half-staff from June 4, 2009, through June 6, 2009.

Proclaimed This 4th Day of June 2009

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Dr. Joe Shirley, Jr., President
The Navajo Nation