



## THE NAVAJO NATION

# *Proclamation*

### IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE LATE NAVAJO CODE TALKER PFC SIDNEY BEDONI

WHEREAS, The Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of the late Navajo Code Talker Sidney Bedoni, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, The late Sidney Bedoni was a Navajo Code Talker who served the United States of America, the Navajo Nation, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Army with courage, honor and distinction; and

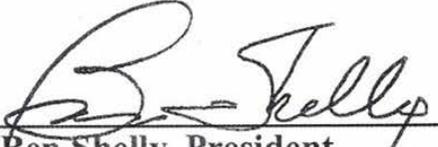
WHEREAS, The late Sidney Bedoni service began on October 20, 1942 as a Private First Class in the U.S. Marine Corps and saw combat in the Battles of Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, Bougainville, Tinian, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Saipan, Japan, Solomon Islands, Vella Lavella Island, New Caledonia, Okinawa, during World War II; and whereupon he was Honorably Discharged in January 18, 1946; he also served in the U.S. Army from April 21, 1948 to October 23, 1952 and saw combat in the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, The late Sidney Bedoni, was a beloved member of the Navajo Code Talkers in the U.S. Marine Corps; and was also a member of the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, The Navajo Nation unites and offers prayers for his family and friends during this time of grief.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEN SHELLY, President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim that all flags on the Navajo Nation shall be flown at half-staff in honor of the late Navajo Code Talker Sidney Bedoni, from sunrise on June 10 to sunset on June 13, 2014.

**ORDERED THIS 9th DAY OF JUNE 2014**

  
Ben Shelly, President  
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