



## THE NAVAJO NATION

# *Proclamation*

## IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE LATE NAVAJO CODE TALKER PFC BAHE KETCHUM

WHEREAS, The Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of the late Bahe Ketchum, who served in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, The late Bahe Ketchum was a Navajo Code Talker who served the United States of America, the Navajo Nation, and U.S. Marine Corps with courage, honor and distinction; serving from 1944 to 1946, when he was honorably discharged; and

WHEREAS, The late Bahe Ketchum served as a Navajo Code Talker and was stationed in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater from 1944 to 1946, fighting in the Battles of Guadalcanal, Okinawa, and Tsingtao; and

WHEREAS, The late Bahe Ketchum also was a Navajo Code Talker who was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and the Congressional Silver Medal; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RUSSELL BEGAYE**, President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim that all Navajo Nation flags shall be flown at half-staff in honor of the late Navajo Code Talker Private First Class Bahe Ketchum, from sunrise on June 9 to sunset on June 12, 2015.

**ORDERED THIS 8th DAY OF JUNE 2015**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Russell Begaye", written in black ink over a horizontal line.

**Russell Begaye, President**  
**THE NAVAJO NATION**