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Navajo Nation Honors Lives Lost During 9/11 with Moment of Silence

Window Rock – Fourteen years ago today the United States came under attack in what has become known as 9/11. It was during this attack that two passenger airliners were hijacked and flown into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center complex in New York City.

Nationally, citizens across the United States watched in horror as the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center collapsed.

“Today we, the Navajo Nation, are in remembrance of the tragedy that happened on that day,” Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye said.

At 10:45 a.m. today, the Navajo Nation and the United States will take a moment of silence to remember those who lost their lives that day. President Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez would also like to remember all the Navajo Nation firefighters and law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

“Approximately 3,000 people lost their lives that day. Out of that number, 343 were firefighters which is the largest loss of firefighters in history. Law enforcement lost 72 officers.” President Begaye said. “We honor them today for putting their lives on the line.”

The President and Vice President are asking for continued prayers for those who had lost their lives on 9/11 and those who continue to defend the Navajo Nation and the United States.

“During 9/11, the United States was involved in a war in the Middle East. As always our Navajo people have enlisted and accepted the call to serve their country,” said Vice President Jonathan Nez. “We continue to pray for our children who have been to war and are still out protecting the United States and the Navajo Nation within our Four Sacred Mountains.”

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