



THE NAVAJO NATION

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PRESIDENT BEGAYE AND VICE PRESIDENT NEZ PROCLAIM ALL FLAGS ON THE NAVAJO NATION FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR OF OFFICER HOUSTON JAMES LARGO

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez sign a proclamation in honor and recognition of Navajo Police Officer Houston James Largo.

“We are both deeply saddened by the loss of Officer Largo. Every day we have police officers out there working to protect the People. It’s moments like these that cause us to pause and reflect on the work that each police officer does,” said President Begaye.

Largo, 27 years old, was from Thoreau N.M. Largo was Áshijíhí (Salt People Clan) born for Kinyaa’áanii (Towering House Clan) Tsi’naajínii (Black Streak Wood People Clan) and Tł’ógí (Zia Clan).

Vice President Jonathan Nez, who attended the candlelight vigil at the Gallup Police Department Monday night, said respect for authority must be re-instilled into the younger generation.

“The loss of Navajo Police Officer Houston Largo is tragic. We must unite in prayer on behalf of his family. He reached the end of watch protecting the Navajo people,” Vice President Nez said. “We must not forget that our officers put their lives on the line daily.”

As the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation, we hereby proclaim that all flags shall be flown at half-staff in honor and in beloved memory on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 to Friday, March 17, 2017.

Funeral Services for Officer Largo will take place at the Rehoboth Christian School Sports Center in Rehoboth, N.M. on Thursday, March 16, 2017 promptly at 11:00 AM. The burial site will be at the Sunset Memorial Park in Gallup, N.M. A reception will immediately follow the burial and take place at the Rehoboth Fellowship Hall.

A law enforcement procession will start at 9:00 AM to escort Officer Largo from the Rollie Funeral Home in Gallup, N.M. to the Rehoboth Church in Rehoboth, N.M.

The family has set up a memorial fund account with Wells Fargo. The account is under Officer Houston J. Largo, account number 7034959507.

If you request to send other donations, please contact Sergeant Stanley Ashely with the Navajo Police Department at 928-871-6363.

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Proclamation

**IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
NAVAJO POLICE OFFICER HOUSTON JAMES LARGO**

WHEREAS, The Navajo Nation is deeply saddened by the loss of Officer Houston James Largo;

WHEREAS, Largo, a Navajo Nation Police Officer was 27 years old from Thoreau, N.M. Largo was Áshijíhí (Salt People Clan) born for Kinyaa'áanii (Towering House Clan) Tsi'naajínii (Black Streak Wood People Clan) and Tł'ógí (Zia Clan);

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2017 Officer Largo was killed in the line of duty;

WHEREAS, Largo started his career with the Gallup Police Department in 2010 then joined the McKinley County Sheriff's Office before starting at the Navajo Nation Police Department where he served for 4 years assigned to the Crownpoint District;

WHEREAS, Largo was a decorated officer and recipient of many awards including the Arizona Indian Country Intelligence Network, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and "Officer of the Year" 2011-2012 from Gallup Police Department for going "above and beyond his duties to get the job done"; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation honors a brave Navajo warrior and protector. He will never be forgotten.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RUSSELL BEGAYE, President of the Navajo Nation and **I, JONATHAN M. NEZ**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation do hereby proclaim that all flags shall be flown at half-staff in honor and in memory of the late Officer Houston James Largo on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 to Friday, March 17, 2017.

ORDERED THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH 2017


Russell Begaye, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION


Jonathan M. Nez, *Vice President*
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