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### Flags to be flown at half-staff to honor Navajo leader John Perry, Jr.

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer issued a proclamation on Tuesday in honor of former member of the Navajo Nation Council, Chapter Official, and Land Board member John Perry, Jr., who passed away on Jan. 8 at the age of 71. He was originally from Crownpoint, New Mexico. He is the father of former Council Delegate Jonathan Perry, who served as a member of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council.

“We offer our thoughts and prayers for the family of the late Honorable John Perry, Jr., who served our Nation with great honor and dignity for many years. To his family, we pray that you find comfort that your loved one is with God now,” said President Nez.

Perry served numerous terms as a Council Delegate beginning with the 15<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council from 1983 – 1986, the 16<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council from 1987 – 1991, the 18<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council from 1995 – 1999, and the 19<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council from 1999 – 2003, representing the communities of Becenti, Crownpoint, and Nahodisgish. He was also a well-respected hataa'ti who helped many people throughout his lifetime.

“Honorable John Perry leaves behind a lasting legacy for his family, the Navajo people, and the communities that he represented and served for many years. We owe a debt of gratitude to him and his loved ones for his years of service. We pray for him and his family at this time,” Vice President Lizer stated.

Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie remembers Honorable John Perry, Jr. as a loving and inspirational person who devoted his life to public serving and helping those in need.

“Before becoming a Council member, myself, I saw the work that Mr. Perry was doing for his communities and it inspired me to do the same for my communities. Based on the work he did, we are now seeing many projects being completed today. My thoughts and prayers are with his family,” said Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie.

“Mr. Perry will be remembered as a great person who gave of himself to help others and to help his communities. Our communities will forever be grateful for his service and contributions. We offer our prayers for his family and loved ones,” said Council Delegate Mark Freeland, who represents the Crownpoint community as a member of the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council.

The proclamation orders all flags on the Navajo Nation to be flown at half-staff in honor and memory of John Perry, Jr. on Jan. 16, 2020. His funeral service is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Cope Memorial Chapel, 1830 Barbara Avenue, Gallup, New Mexico.

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## THE NAVAJO NATION

# Proclamation

### IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF NAVAJO LEADER JOHN PERRY JR.

**THE NAVAJO NATION** honors John Perry, Jr. of Crownpoint, New Mexico for his leadership and dedication to the Navajo Nation:

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of the Honorable John Perry, Jr. a former Council Delegate, former Chapter Official and former Land Board Member; and

**WHEREAS**, Hon. John Perry, Jr. served four terms as a Council Delegate with the 15<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council from 1983 – 1986, the 16<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council from 1987 – 1991, the 18<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council from 1995 – 1999, and the 19<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council from 1999 – 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, as a Navajo Nation Council Delegate Hon. John Perry, Jr. served the Navajo Nation Chapters of Becenti, Crownpoint, and Nahodisgish; and

**WHEREAS**, Hon. John Perry, Jr. also served his communities as a Chapter Official and as a Land Board member; and

**WHEREAS**, Hon. John Perry, Jr. was a respected hataalii providing a valuable contribution to carry on the history and culture of the Diné; his knowledge of the Diné songs and prayers is irreplaceable and will be sorely missed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation offers its prayers and condolences to his family, friends, colleagues, and community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan Nez**, President of the Navajo Nation, and **I, Myron Lizer**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim that all flags on the Navajo Nation shall be flown at half-staff on January 16, 2020 to honor the memory and service of the late Honorable John Perry, Jr.

**ORDERED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2020**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Nez".

Jonathan Nez, *President*  
**THE NAVAJO NATION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myron Lizer".

Myron Lizer, *Vice President*  
**THE NAVAJO NATION**