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## Flags to be flown at half-staff in honor of Navajo Police Officer Michael Lee

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** — On Tuesday, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer issued a proclamation that calls for all flags on the Navajo Nation to be flown at half-staff from June 24 through June 25, in honor and memory of Navajo Police Officer Michael Lee, who passed away due to COVID-19 on June 19.

“As we lower all flags to honor the life of Officer Lee, let’s also take time to pray for strength and comfort for his family, fellow officers, and many others who had the honor of knowing him. We will never know how many lives he saved during his 29 years of law enforcement service for the Navajo Nation, but we know that he gave his own life serving and protecting our communities. We will always cherish him and all that he gave of himself to serve others,” said President Nez.

Officer Lee began his law enforcement career for the Navajo Police Department in October 1990. Officer Lee was a patrol officer, a Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) officer, and a supporter of the department's information technology component. During his first seven years with the police department, he served within the Window Rock District and dedicated his remaining years to the Chinle District.

“We thank God for the life of Officer Lee. By all accounts, he was a compassionate and giving person who cared greatly for his people and communities. He impacted many lives and saved many as well. We offer prayers for his wife and children and we honor him with the lowering of flags on the Navajo Nation,” said Vice President Lizer.



The funeral service for Navajo Police Officer Michael Lee will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (MDT) at the Potter's House Christian Center in Chinle, Ariz. The Division of Public Safety is exploring options to livestream the funeral service.

The family is respectfully requesting any in-kind donation be done electronically through the established memorial account.

**Donation Information:**

"Memorial Account for Officer Michael Lee"  
Wells Fargo Bank  
Account: 5341652773

Donations can also be made through Zelle transfers can utilize the following information:

Account: 5341652773  
Phone Number: 928-551-3225  
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**THE NAVAJO NATION**

# *Proclamation*

## **IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF NAVAJO POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL LEE**

**THE NAVAJO NATION** created the Navajo Division of Public Safety in 1959 and since that time they have watched over us 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year; with this dedication we are greatly saddened by the loss of our warrior and protector, Michael Lee, a Navajo Police Officer who dedicated his life to serving in the line of duty with the Navajo Police Department.

**WHEREAS**, Officer Lee was a husband, a father, a son, and a protector for us all; who served with the Chinle Police District at the time of his passing and served with honor and bravery with the Navajo Police Department for 29 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Lee began his law enforcement career for the Navajo Nation Police Department in Toney, Ariz., in October 1990. Officer Lee was a patrol officer, a Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) officer, and a supporter of the department's information technology component; and

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation honors the late Navajo Police Officer Michael Lee for his service to the Navajo Nation and offers its prayers and condolences to his family, friends, fellow officers, 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 to honor the memory and service of the late Michael Lee from June 24, 2020 through June 25, 2020.

**ORDERED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2020**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Nez".

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Myron Lizer".

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