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**Navajo Nation honors fallen warriors and military families
with Navajo Nation Gold Star Families Day proclamation**

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer honor the lives and sacrifices of all fallen warriors and their families with a proclamation, which recognizes Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020 as “Navajo Nation Gold Star Families Day,” held in conjunction with National Gold Star Mother’s Day. The Navajo Nation designates the last Sunday in September each year, to recognize the families of fallen military men and women.

“Today, we pay special tribute to all of the men and women who have served in every branch of the Armed Forces and given their lives for our country, and we honor and recognize their families for the sacrifices they make. There are countless mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, and others who have lost a loved one serving our country, including our Diné warriors. For them, we offer our condolences and prayers for strength and comfort as we grieve together and remember all of the contributions of our military families. We have many Diné men and women who continue to serve in the Armed Forces around the world. We ask the Creator to watch over them and to eventually bring them home safely to their loved ones,” said President Nez.

On June 23, 1936, Congress also designated the last Sunday in September as “Gold Star Mother’s Day” through Senate Joint Resolution 115.

“To lose a loved one in military service is very devastating for their families, but it is important that we come together to show our love and support for one another to help ease the heartache and build strength for our Diné families. We will never know the extent of their experiences and sacrifices, but we can take comfort in knowing that our military men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice are now with our Creator, free from any burden or hardship. Please join with us today, to offer prayers for our Gold Star Families,” said Vice President Lizer.

To view a video message from President Jonathan Nez in honor of Navajo Nation Gold Star Families Day, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=429nIOREYaQ&t=6s>.

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THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

**IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
NAVAJO NATION GOLD STAR FAMILIES DAY**

WHEREAS, The Navajo Nation, in partnership with Navajo Non-Profit Organizations, honors the Navajo warriors who paid the ultimate sacrifice and their surviving family members; and

WHEREAS, The Navajo Nation is home to these Gold Star Families and we recognize the price their families have paid to secure our nation's safety and freedoms; and

WHEREAS, The Navajo Nation offers prayers and comfort to the Gold Star Families who lost family members serving in the United States Armed Forces who laid down their lives in the defense of freedom and democracy; and

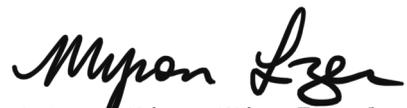
WHEREAS, on this day, we offer our sincere condolences and commitment to remember the legacy of our service members as one of valor and honor; and

WHEREAS, The Navajo Nation Gold Star Families Day is held in conjunction with the National Gold Star Mothers Day on the last Sunday in September; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN NEZ, President of the Navajo Nation and **I, MYRON LIZER**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim that Sunday, September 27th, 2020 shall be recognized as Navajo Nation Gold Star Families Day to honor the memory of Navajo warriors who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

PROCLAIMED THIS 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020


Jonathan Nez, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION


Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
THE NAVAJO NATION