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Memorial event to be held in honor of
former Navajo Nation President Albert Hale

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President, in coordination with the family of the late Albert Hale, will host a memorial event in honor and remembrance of the former President of the Navajo Nation who passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at the age of 70, due to complications from COVID-19. The memorial event will be held on Friday, Feb. 5 at 11:00 a.m. (MST). The event will be live-streamed on the Nez-Lizer Facebook page and YouTube channel, and aired live on KTNN AM 660, FM 101.5 and KKNS AM 131.

“We invite all of our Navajo people and many others who had the honor of knowing our leader, Albert Hale, to tune-in live as we honor and pay tribute to his life. We are working with his family to coordinate this event for the public. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we cannot hold a large in-person public event so we will be livestreaming it and KTNN has been gracious in allowing it to be aired live on the radio as well,” said Navajo Nation President Nez.

The memorial event will include remarks from the family of Albert Hale, President Nez, Vice President Myron Lizer, 24th Navajo Nation Council, and others.

Hale was born in Ganado, Arizona in 1950. He was Áshįįhi and born for Tódích’ii’nii. His maternal grandfather was Honágháahnii and his paternal grandfather was Kinyaa’áanii. He served as the President of the Navajo Nation from 1995-1998. He later served as a member of the Arizona State Senate from 2004 to 2011 and with the Arizona House of Representatives from 2011 to 2017.

“We are honored to bring together the family of Albert Hale and our Nation’s leaders to recognize our leader and to provide the opportunity for our Navajo people to view it. We continue to offer our prayers for the family, friends, and the many who knew him. We ask our Navajo people to join us in offering condolences and prayers,” said Vice President Lizer.

On Tuesday, President Nez and Vice President Lizer issued a proclamation calling for all flags on the Navajo Nation to be flown at half-staff beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021 through Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021, in honor and memory of former Navajo Nation President Albert Hale.
Donations may be made to the “Albert Hale Memorial Donation” at Wells Fargo Bank locations, by Zelle to sheenahale@gmail.com, PayPal to Sheena-Hale, or through Venmo to sdothale. Condolence letters may be mailed to 3201 Schumacher St. NW, Albuquerque, N.M. 87120.

The family of Albert Hale requests inquiries to be sent to his daughter April Hale, who is the family’s spokesperson, by e-mail at ahale505@gmail.com or by phone at (505) 728-0760.

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In Loving Memory

Navajo Nation President

ALBERT HALE

“Ahibihay”

1950 - 2021

Virtual Memorial Service

Friday, February 5, 2021

11:00 a.m. (MST)

Watch Facebook Live: @NezLizer2018

YouTube Live: “Navajo Nation OPVP Communications”

Listen Live: "The Voice of the Navajo Nation"

KTNN AM 660, FM 101.5 and KKNS AM 1310.
Memorial Event in Honor of the
HONORABLE ALBERT HALE
2ND PRESIDENT OF THE NAVAJO NATION

Friday, February 5, 2021
11:00 A.M. (MST)
Live-streamed

Opening Prayer by Steve Darden
Welcome Address by Arbin Mitchell
Remarks by
the President of the Navajo Nation Jonathan Nez
Remarks by
the Vice President of the Navajo Nation Myron Lizer
PRESENTATION OF THE NAVAJO NATION FLAG
Remarks by
a member of the 24th Navajo Nation Council
Remarks by
the Navajo Nation Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley
Remarks by
Dr. Paula Hale, Wife of the Honorable Albert Hale
Remarks by
April Hale, Daughter of the Honorable Albert Hale
Remarks by
Dr. Jill Jim, Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Department of Health
Closing Remarks by
Navajo Nation Chief Justice Emeritus Tom Tso
Closing Prayer by Alberta Curley