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**President Nez and Vice President Lizer
honor the life of Navajo veteran Harry John Nez**

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Monday, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer issued a proclamation in honor and remembrance of Diné Korean War veteran Harry John Nez, who passed away on June 10 at the age of 92. He was originally from Tuba City, Ariz., located on the Navajo Nation.

“On behalf of the Navajo Nation, we offer our condolences and prayers to the family of our Diné warrior, U.S. Army veteran Harry John Nez. My words are not enough to honor and thank him, his wife Roselyn, and their children and grandchildren, for the sacrifices they made for our country. As a Korean War veteran, he served and protected our people. We will never forget his great contributions and honorable service. We pray for strength and comfort for his family, comrades, and community,” said President Nez.



Nez served in the U.S. Army from 1948 to 1952 during the Korean War conflict. After his service, he returned to the Navajo Nation to support his family as a uranium mine worker, a Navajo Police Officer for over 30 years, Chapter Vice President and President for Tuba City Chapter, a security officer for Tuba City Unified School District for 20 years, and a pastor at Tuba City Gospel Church for over 30 years.

“Our country was truly blessed with the courage and service of Harry John Nez and the sacrifices of his wife, Roselyn, and their family. May God continue to guide his family and congregation as we grieve a great leader who helped our communities in many capacities. He was a man of great faith. Let us take comfort that he is now in God’s kingdom. We will honor and remember his legacy,” said Vice President Lizer.

Survivors include his wife, Roselyn P. Nez, his son, Calvin J. Nez, his daughter, Melvina John, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The funeral service for U.S. Army Harry John Nez will be held on Tuesday, June 20, at Tuba City Full Gospel Church in Tuba City, Ariz.

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THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF NAVAJO VETERAN HARRY JOHN NEZ

THE NAVAJO NATION honors Diné warrior Harry John Nez of Tuba City, Ariz., for his service to the United States and the Navajo Nation:

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of Harry John Nez, who was born on August 10, 1929 and passed on June 10, 2022, at the age of 92 years old; and

WHEREAS, Harry John Nez served our country in the United States Army from December 1948 to May 1952. He received the Korean Service Medal, Bronze Service Stars, and a Purple Heart medal; and

WHEREAS, Harry John Nez returned home after his service to provide for his family as a uranium mine worker, a Police Officer for the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety for over 30 years, Chapter Vice President and President for Tuba City Chapter, a Security Officer for Tuba City Unified School District for 20 years, and a Pastor at Tuba City Full Gospel Church for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation offers its prayers and condolences to his wife, Roselyn P. Nez, his son, Calvin J. Nez, his daughter, Melvina John, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan Nez, President of the Navajo Nation, and **I, Myron Lizer**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, do honor the memory and service of the late Harry John Nez.

ORDERED THIS 20th DAY OF JUNE 2022

Handwritten signature of Jonathan Nez in black ink.

Jonathan Nez, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

Handwritten signature of Myron Lizer in black ink.

Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
THE NAVAJO NATION