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Navajo Nation recognizes Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week in honor of active and fallen Navajo Police Officers

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer issued a proclamation on Wednesday, recognizing May 11-17, 2022 as "Navajo Nation Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week" to honor and thank all men and women law enforcement officers, including those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. The Navajo Nation also observes May 14, 2022 as "Navajo Nation Police Officer Day."

"With this proclamation, we give thanks and recognize all of our law enforcement officers and their families for their sacrifices to protect and serve our people, including those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. They are our frontline warriors and they have chosen a profession that puts their life on the line every day to ensure our protection and safety. They accept the call to public service, which is very demanding and often unappreciated. We honor them and offer our prayers for their physical, spiritual, and mental well-being," said President Nez.

The Navajo Nation honors and remembers the following 17 fallen Navajo Police Officers:

- Esther Charley
- Lamar Martin
- Michael Lee
- Houston James Largo
- LeAnder Frank
- Alex K. Yazzie
- Ernest Jesus Montoya, Sr.
- Darrell Cervandez Curley
- Winsonfred A. Filfred
- Esther Todecheene
- Samuel Anthony Redhouse
- Hoskie Allen Gene
- Andy Begay
- Roy Lee Stanley
- Loren Whitehat
- Burton Begay
- Gordon C. James

· Hoska Thompson

"The Navajo Nation has lost 17 of our warriors over the years. Their families and fellow officers miss them to this day. Together, we honor and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. We pray for them and their loved ones on this special day. We also extend our appreciation to all Navajo Police Officers, the Division of Public Safety, and all of the dedicated staff and personnel who serve our people and communities," said Vice President Lizer.

"Navajo Nation Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week" is observed in conjunction with Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week.

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THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING MAY 11 - 17, 2022 AS “NAVAJO NATION PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND POLICE WEEK”

WE, the Navajo People, honor and recognize the contributions and sacrifices of all law enforcement officers and personnel who serve under the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety facilities across the Navajo Nation. Navajo Police Officers are our frontline warriors who go above and beyond the call of duty, putting themselves at risk, to ensure that our Navajo People are protected and our communities are made safer.

WHEREAS, U.S. President John F. Kennedy signed the first proclamation in 1962, recognizing Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week to honor and remember law enforcement officers for their service and sacrifices and to pay tribute to those who have been lost in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are our frontline warriors and respond to many incidents in our communities involving domestic violence, substance abuse, disorderly conduct, violent crimes, and many other crime situations in order to protect our people and make our communities safer; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Navajo Nation officially recognized the second Friday of May, of each year, to be observed as “Navajo Nation Police Officer Day” to honor and recognize fallen officers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation honors all law enforcement officers who continue to persevere and report for duty to protect and serve our communities while taking extraordinary risks throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN NEZ, President of the Navajo Nation, and **I, MYRON LIZER**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim May 11 – 17, 2022 as “Navajo Nation Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week.”

PROCLAIMED THIS 11th DAY OF MAY 2022


Jonathan Nez, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION


Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
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