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Navajo Nation Council recognizes “National Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week” fallen Navajo Police Officers

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — This week, the 25th Navajo Nation Council recognizes “National Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week” to honor and remember fallen police officers and the families of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. On May 12, the Navajo Nation also observed “Navajo Nation Police Officer Day” to recognize and thank all men and women law enforcement officers for their service and protecting our communities.

"On behalf of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, I extend my appreciation to all Navajo Police Officers, the Division of Public Safety, and all of the dedicated staff and personnel who serve and protect our people and communities. Together, we pray for the families and fellow officers who continue to grieve for the loss of fallen officers across the country and the 17 Navajo Police Officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice. We know that our officers go above and beyond and often their work goes unnoticed. They carry a heavy burden for us all. On this special day, we recognize them and thank them for their service to our people," said Navajo Nation Council Speaker Crystalyne Curley.

In 2017, the Navajo Nation Council approved resolution CO-64-17 declaring the second Friday of May as Navajo Police Officer Day. Since the establishment of the Division of Public Safety in 1959, which included the police force, a total of 17 officers have lost their lives in the line of duty. 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

“Our police officers serve and protect our Navajo people on a daily basis. They see some of the worst in humanity but they also see some of the best. They keep us safe and because they are out there, we can sleep at ease. I pray for their safety and remind them that not all superhero’s wear capes. God bless our police officers and their families; may they be protected at all times,” said Law and Order Committee Chair Eugenia Charles-Newton (Shiprock).

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