



# PROCLAMATION

## DECLARING NOVEMBER 2025 **Purple Heart Nation Month**

**WHEREAS**, from time immemorial, the Diné people have held sacred the way of the Warrior - those who rise in courage, protect the people, and walk in the way of Hózhó, balance, and strength for the well-being of the Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation holds in the highest respect the men and women of our Nation who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, whose bravery, endurance, and sacrifice have carried forward the teachings of our ancestors - to defend the land, the people, and the way of life given to us by the Holy People; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart Medal, first established by General George Washington in 1782 as the Badge of Military Merit, is a sacred symbol of the blood, pain, and sacrifice endured by warriors who were wounded or gave their lives in the defense of freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, many Diné warriors - including the revered Navajo Code Talkers, whose sacred language became a shield and a weapon that could not be broken - have stood with honor in every major conflict, carrying the spirit of their clans, their prayers, and their people into battle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation acknowledges with deep reverence those of our people who have been wounded in battle, and the families who have carried that burden, whose hearts have known both pride and sorrow in the service of this great Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Diné believe that those who sacrifice for the people must always be remembered in ceremony, in story, and in heart, so that balance and harmony - Hózhó - may continue within our land and among our future generations; and

**NOW THEREFORE, I, DR. BUU NYGREN**, President of the Navajo Nation, by the sacred trust placed in me by the Diné people, hereby proclaim November as *PURPLE HEART NATION MONTH*. The Navajo Nation will honor and remember all Purple Heart recipients and Diné warriors, living and departed, by keeping their names, stories, and sacrifices alive through ceremony, education, and community gatherings that strengthen the bonds of K'é and honor the spirit of Warriors within us all. May the path of our warriors continue in beauty - in Hózhó.

On this day of November 3, 2025, in Crownpoint, New Mexico, on the the Navajo Nation.

SO PROCLAIMED THIS 3rd DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR 2025.

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Dr. Buu Nygren, *President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION

