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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1099

Navajo code talkers' day.

Purpose

Designates August 14 of each year as Navajo Code Talkers' Day.

Background

The Navajo Code Talkers were a special unit of the U.S. Marine Corps that translated and transmitted coded messages during World War II in the Navajo language. The Code Talkers were used in every major operation involving the Marines in the Pacific theatre including the invasion of Iwo Jima in which six Navajo Code Talkers operated continuously. In 1982, New Mexico proclaimed April 10 as New Mexico Code Talker Day. Later that year, President Reagan declared August 14 as National Navajo Code Talkers' Day.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Proclaims August 14 of each year as Navajo Code Talkers' Day.
2. Declares Navajo Code Talkers' Day as a day of honorary observance and not a legal holiday.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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