



# **PRESS RELEASE** Arizona State Senate

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## **Senator Carlyle W. Begay, LD7**

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### **Navajo Code Talkers bill signed** *Designates August 14<sup>th</sup> as Arizona Navajo Code Talkers' Day*

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** - Senator Carlyle W. Begay released the following statement on today's ceremonial signing of his bill SB1099. Surrounded by seven World War II Navajo Code Talkers, Governor Brewer signed the bill that designates August 14<sup>th</sup> of each year as Arizona Navajo Code Talkers' Day.

"The legacy of the Navajo Code Talkers will long be remembered and honored in Arizona history. Every year across the country we celebrate August 14<sup>th</sup> as National Navajo Code Talkers Day and we now have an annual observance day for the State of Arizona to honor our Code Talkers," said Sen. Begay.

"These warriors should be praised for their valued contributions to saving many lives and our way of life today. The Navajo Code Talkers should also be recognized for giving a portion of our culture - the language of our people. It is my hope that this observance day will also create more awareness of the promises that were made by our nation to all our Veterans who have and are still serving our country today."

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