

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING OFFICER HOUSTON JAMES LARGO AND RECOGNIZING HIS
3 ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.

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5 WHEREAS, Navajo Nation police officer Houston James
6 Largo, age twenty-seven, was tragically killed in the line of
7 duty and died on Sunday, March 12, 2017; and

8 WHEREAS, on Saturday night, March 11, 2017, Officer
9 Largo responded to a domestic disturbance call in the rural
10 Casamero Lake area; and

11 WHEREAS, Officer Largo pulled over a vehicle on county
12 road 19 and was shot twice by a passenger in the vehicle; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Largo was flown to the university of
14 New Mexico hospital in Albuquerque, where he died the
15 following day; and

16 WHEREAS, Navajo Nation president Russell Begaye stated
17 that Officer Largo's life "brings to mind the situations our
18 officers face every day in responding to calls, getting in
19 their unit and putting their lives on the line"; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Largo was a decorated officer who was
21 hired by the Navajo Nation police department on
22 August 27, 2012 and served for four years and six months; and

23 WHEREAS, Officer Largo graduated from Thoreau high
24 school in 2012 and attended the university of New Mexico,
25 studying criminology; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Largo got his first job in law
2 enforcement with the Gallup police department in February
3 2010, and he started patrolling the streets of Gallup on
4 foot; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Largo was named the Gallup police
6 department's "Officer of the Year" in 2011-2012 for going
7 above and beyond his duties to get the job done; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Largo graduated from the New Mexico
9 police academy on February 3, 2011; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Largo was employed as a deputy with the
11 McKinley county sheriff's office from February 2012 to
12 August 2012, prior to joining the Navajo Nation police
13 department; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2016, the Indian country law enforcement
15 section honored Officer Largo and two other Navajo police
16 officers for their heroism and life-saving efforts during
17 another domestic violence incident that took the life of a
18 Navajo police officer, and Officer Largo and two other
19 officers were named "Officer of the Year Honorees" for their
20 heroic actions; and

21 WHEREAS, serving the eastern agency of the Navajo
22 Nation, Officer Largo covered large rural areas, often alone,
23 and sometimes with poor or little phone or radio signal, as
24 was the case the night he was shot; and

25 WHEREAS, friends and colleagues describe Officer Largo

1 as a humorous, smart and very dependable officer who went
2 above and beyond the line of duty to serve and help others;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, friends remember Officer Largo as the guy who
5 was always cracking jokes and making people laugh; and

6 WHEREAS, although Officer Largo was a "geek" in high
7 school who loved mathematics and solving trigonometry
8 problems, he took the most humble path of law enforcement and
9 became a warrior and protector; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Largo's body was transported from
11 Albuquerque to Gallup on the afternoon of March 13, 2017,
12 followed by a caravan of law enforcement personnel from local
13 and state agencies; and

14 WHEREAS, hundreds of people gathered at the bridges and
15 exits along interstate highway 40 in McKinley county to pay
16 respects and honor the fallen officer as the caravan passed
17 through communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Largo is survived by his mother,
19 Maggie Charley; his brother, Roland Largo; and his sister,
20 Tamarra Largo;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Officer Houston James Largo be
23 honored for his bravery and his ultimate sacrifice; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the family of Officer Houston James Largo. _____