

## **PROCLAMATION**

## Comanche Nation Proclamation Honoring Lt. Col. Meech Tahsequah

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Meech Tahsequah, a proud member of the Comanche Nation and a native of Walters, Oklahoma, served our country with extraordinary valor and distinction as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Tahsequah flew thirty-one missions over Europe during World War II, including the historic Ploesti Raids, and later served during the Korean War as part of the 3rd Maintenance and Support Squadron; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 1950, Lt. Col. Tahsequah was aboard a B-26 Invader Bomber that crashed near Tsushima Island, resulting in his designation as Missing in Action; his body was never recovered, but he was later declared deceased on February 28, 1954; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Tahsequah's courage and sacrifice have been recognized with numerous honors, including the Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism (twice), the Presidential Unit Citation (twice), three Purple Hearts, three Air Medals, and multiple campaign and service medals from both World War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation seeks to honor his legacy and recognize his service to our Nation and the United States Armed Forces, and to ensure that his memory lives on through generations of Comanche people and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2025, American Legion Post #0006 in Lawton, Oklahoma is being rededicated in honor of Lt. Col. Tahsequah.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that May 21, 2025 shall be "Lt. Col. Meech Tahsequah Day" in honor of his unwavering bravery, dedication, and ultimate sacrifice. All citizens of the Comanche Nation are encouraged to reflect upon and commemorate the life of this heroic son of the Nation and to continue to honor our veterans and warriors who have served with distinction.

PROCLAIMED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2025

BY

Lisa Dawsey, Tribal Administrator

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