WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The Navajo Nation Council is in mourning following the passing of Honorable Nelson S. BeGaye early Thursday morning. Honorable BeGaye stepped down in 2019 to focus on his family and health. He represented the communities of Lukachukai, Rock Point, Round Rock, Tsaile/Wheatfields and Tsé Chíʼizhí.

“On behalf of the Navajo Nation Council, our hearts are heavy today with the news that our friend, mentor, colleague and elder Navajo statesman Honorable Nelson BeGaye has passed. The Council is in mourning and has extended its help and assistance to his family during this period of grief,” said Speaker Seth Damon.

The Office of the Speaker and the Navajo Nation Council is working with the family of Honorable BeGaye and further statement is forthcoming.

Speaker Damon also ordered the flags in front of the Navajo Nation Council Chamber in Window Rock be raised at half-staff during this period.

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