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Death, the Afterlife, Grief and Renewal: Revitalizing the Traditional Diné End of Life Practices

St. Michael, Navajo Nation (ARIZ) – The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission is hosting a public forum on Revitalizing the Traditional Diné End of Life Practices. Commissioner Steven A Darden, Diné, is a traditional practitioner and the Vice-Chair of the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission.

This forum will focus on Diné traditional end of life practices and is intended to be the gateway to revitalizing and redirecting our traditional practices of caring and respecting life's end through the examination of Diné traditional practices and perspectives of death. Commissioner Darden's presentation is on his research to reclaim Diné traditional knowledge death, the afterlife, grief and the Navajo Nations policies on burial practices.

Diné have the right to their own cultural identity and heritage. Diné have the right to embrace and revitalize their culture. Ultimately, these narratives he collected are about care, responsibility, hope and renewal. During the sessions we are inviting the public to share any family stories or traditional practices.

What: Revitalizing the Traditional Diné End of Life Practices

When: Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Mexican Water Chapter

What: Revitalizing the Traditional Diné End of Life Practices

When: Thursday, March 30, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Kayenta Chapter

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