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Coconino County Announces Participation in the National Memorial to Lives Lost to COVID-19

The First Nationwide COVID-19 Memorial to Lives Lost is Part of The Inauguration of President-elect Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and Vice President-elect Kamala D. Harris

Flagstaff, Ariz. — Today, Coconino County will participate in the national Memorial to Lives Lost to COVID-19 by lighting several County buildings and inviting community members to light candles at home at 5:30 p.m. The memorial will take place in Washington D.C. and nationwide on January 19, 2021 starting at 5:30 p.m. ET and continuing at 5:30 p.m. local time in cities and towns across the country. The memorial will feature the lighting of the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, and the illumination of buildings and ringing of church bells in a national moment of unity and remembrance.

The program in Washington D.C. will emphasize the importance of looking back and remembering the lives we've lost to COVID-19 as we look forward to the hope of a new path and a brighter future. In Coconino County, three buildings will be lit:

- Courthouse, 200 N San Francisco St
- King Street, 2625 N King St
- 110 Building, 110 East Cherry Ave

“The inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris represents the beginning of a new national journey. However, in the midst of a pandemic – when so many Americans are grieving the loss of family, friends, and neighbors – it is important that we honor those who have died, reflect on what has been one of the more challenging periods in this nation’s history, and renew our commitment to coming together to unite our country, end the pandemic, and rebuild our nation,” said PIC Communications Director Pili Tobar.

“The Memorial to Lives Lost to COVID-19 is a time to come together as a nation and reflect upon the trauma and hardship we have faced during the global pandemic. Coconino County has been especially

impacted by this unrelenting and unforgiving virus. We stand with all of those who have lost loved ones and hold them close today and in the future,” said Supervisor Liz Archuleta.

Individuals may tune in at 5:30 p.m. ET for the ceremony with President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Harris on Facebook here <https://bit.ly/2XOlmom>.

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