

Annie Dodge Wauneka

1910-1997

USA

Annie Dodge Wauneka was an influential and pioneering member of the Navajo Nation who worked tirelessly to improve the health and education of the Navajo. She became widely known for her countless efforts and initiatives to improve health on the Navajo Nation, focusing mostly on the eradication of tuberculosis within her nation. She even authored a much-needed dictionary that translated English medical terms into the Navajo language. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1963 by Lyndon B. Johnson as well as the Indian Council Fire Achievement Award and the Navajo Medal of Honor. She also received an honorary doctorate in Humanities (public health) from the University of New Mexico.

