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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, Naabik'íyáti' Committee, and Navajo Nation Council; Proclaiming Third Week in June as Diné Pride Week on a Recurring Annual Basis

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. _0140-20_

DATE: June 22, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; PROCLAIMING THIRD WEEK IN JUNE AS DINÉ PRIDE WEEK ON A RECURRING ANNUAL BASIS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to proclaim the third week in June as Diné Pride Week on a recurring annual basis.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.
PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2020

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0140-20

AN ACTION
RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE,
NAABIK’IYÁTI’ COMMITTEE, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;
PROCLAIMING THIRD WEEK IN JUNE AS DINÉ PRIDE WEEK ON A RECURRING
ANNUAL BASIS

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY
A. The Navajo Nation Council, is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).
B. The Navajo Nation Council established the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and empowered the Health, Education and Human Services Committee to review and recommend resolutions relating to social services, health, environmental health, education, veterans and veterans’ services, employment and labor. 2 N.N.C. § 400(A); 2 N.N.C. § 401(B).
C. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. Legislation that requires final action by
the Navajo Nation Council shall be presented to the Naabik’íyáti’” Committee. 2
N.N.C. § 700 (A); 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(9).

SECTION 2. FINDINGS

A. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council issued a Diné Pride Week Proclamation
designated for the week of June 22, 2020 through June 28, 2020. Diné Pride Week
Proclamation attached as Exhibit A.

B. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation states that “President William J. Clinton
proclaimed June 2000 as Gay and Lesbian Month and President Barack H. Obama
proclaimed June 2016 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month to
acknowledge the importance of respect and fair treatment for all people[.]”

C. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation states that “the Navajo Nation recognizes
that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit people (LGBTQ+) are
important to our livelihood and diversity since time immemorial[.]”

D. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states that “the Navajo Nation will
continue to protect its citizens from discrimination based on age, race, disability,
ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, language, national
origin, physical and mental ability, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status and
other characteristics that make our citizens unique under the law[.]”

E. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states that “the Navajo Nation is
committed to fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of inclusion, fairness and
equality[.]”

F. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states that “lesbian, gay, bisexual,
transgender, queer, two-spirit people (LGBTQ+) are ni’hookáá’ diiyin diné’é bila’
ashdla’i’ii, who are five-fingered, earth-surface holy people who are sacred[.]”

G. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states “the Navajo Nation stands
behind LGBTQ+ members and will continue to uplift all people, both young and
long-lived, in their pursuit of basic civil and human rights[.]”
H. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states “the Navajo Nation shall honor the diverse identities among the Navajo People, who are worthy of love, respect, and fairness under the Law[.]”

I. Due to the importance of the reasons listed above, the Navajo Nation acknowledges the need to recognize the third week of June as Dine Pride Week on a recurring annual basis.

SECTION 3. PROCLAMING THE THIRD WEEK IN JUNE AS DINÉ PRIDE WEEK ON A RECURRING ANNUAL BASIS

The Navajo Nation hereby proclaims the third week in June as Diné Pride Week on a recurring annual basis.