Agenda

23nd Navajo Nation Council

WORK SESSION
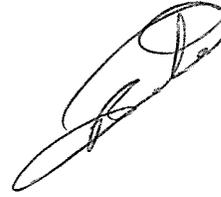
April 13, 2017; 8:00 a.m.
Department of Diné Education Auditorium; Window Rock, AZ

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1. **Call Work Session to Order; Invocation**

2. **Purpose of the Work Session**   **Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker**
   a. **Legislation 0395-16**: *An Act Relating to Law and Order, Naabik'iyati' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 501 and Adding Section 2 N.N.C. § 503* **(Sponsor: Hon. Jonathan L. Hale; Co-sponsors: Hon. Nathaniel Brown & Hon. Norman M. Begay)**
      - Legislation proposes to change the designation name from "Navajo Nation" to "Diné Nation."
      - On January 26, 2017 (Winter Session), the Navajo Nation Council **TABLED** Legislation 0395-16 to the 2017 Spring Session by a vote of 14 in favor 3 opposed through a motion by Hon. Kee Allen Begay, Jr. and second by Hon. Norman M. Begay
      - With instructions: A work session is called, considering that, if adopted, the change will be effective in the Fall 2017
         - Request Elders and Navajo Nation Code Talkers perspectives
         - Provide cost estimates on implementing the name change
         - Seek chapter resolutions for the people's input
         - Research the origin of the "Diné"

3. **Purpose for the Introduction of Legislation 0395-16**   **Honorable Jonathan L. Hale**

4. **Traditional & Medicinal Practitioners and Navajo Nation Code Talkers: The origin of "Diné" and the Name change to Diné from a traditional/cultural/Code Talker's perspective (20 minutes each)**
   Lorenzo Max, Vice President & Dr. Anthony Lee Sr., Diné Hataalii Association
   Kenneth Maryboy, President, Diné Medicine Men's Association (DMMA)
   Steven S. Benally, President, Azee' Bee Nahagha of Diné Nation
   Peter MacDonald, Sr., Navajo Code Talkers

5. **Governmental cost estimate to change from Navajo Nation to Diné Nation (10 minutes each)**
   Pearline Kirk, Controller
   Ben Manuelito, Director, Fleet Management

6. **Legal issues on designated name change (15 minutes)**
   Ethel Branch, Attorney General

7. **Public Comment (3 minutes each)**

8. **Close of Session; Other Announcements; Adjournment**