LEGISLATION NO: _0031-21_  SPONSOR: Otto Tso

TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Naabik’íyáti’ and Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Reinstatement of Louise Rae Pavinyama as a Member of the Navajo Nation

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DATE: March 1, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT OF LOUISE RAE PAVINYAMA AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

PURPOSE: To approve the reinstatement of Louise Rae Pavinyama as a member of the Navajo Nation.

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 – Third Year, 2021

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0031-21

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES,
NAABIK’IYÁTI’ AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE
REINSTATEMENT OF LOUISE RAE PAVINYAMA AS A MEMBER OF THE
NAVAJO NATION

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. Under the laws of the Navajo Nation, any enrolled member of the Navajo Nation may
renounce [her] membership by written petition to the President of the Navajo Nation
requesting that his name be stricken from the Navajo Nation roll. See 1 N.N.C. § 705
(Renunciation of membership).

B. The Navajo Nation in addition states, “[n]o person, otherwise eligible for membership
in the Navajo Nation, may enroll as a member of the Navajo Nation, who, at the same
time, is on the roll of any other tribe of Indians.” See 1 N.N.C. § 703 (Member of
another tribe).

C. Renounced members may be reinstated by the Navajo Nation only by the vote of
majority of the Navajo Nation Council. See 1 N.N.C. § 705 (Renunciation of
membership).
SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records confirmed Louise Rae Pavinyama (Ms. Pavinyama) was enrolled with the Navajo Nation on July 14, 1971, with blood quantum one-half Navajo and one-half Hopi. See Memorandum dated February 26, 2021 authored by Ronald D. Duncan, Program Manager I, Navajo Nation of Vital Records as Exhibit A.

B. The Hopi Tribe furnished the Navajo Nation a letter verifying Louise Rae Pavinyama was eligible to enroll in the Hopi Tribe. See Letter dated October 28, 2003 authored by Mary L. Polacca, Director of the Hopi Tribal Enrollment Office as Exhibit B.

C. The Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records confirmed Louise Rae Pavinyama requested relinquishment of her Navajo membership on November 3, 2003. See Letter Requesting Relinquishment as Exhibit C.

D. The Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records confirmed Louise Rae Pavinyama completed a Section 164 Review Process. See Section 164 Review Process # 17275 as Exhibit D.

E. The Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records confirmed Louise Rae Pavinyama relinquished her Navajo membership on February 13, 2004 for the purpose of enrolling in the Hopi tribe. See Membership Relinquishment form endorsed by Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley as Exhibit E.

F. The Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records has further confirmed Louise Rae Pavinyama is one-half (1/2) Navajo blood and eligible to enroll as a member of the Navajo Nation. 1 N.N.C. § 701 (B).

G. The Hopi Tribe has confirmed Louise Rae Pavinyama formally relinquished her Hopi Tribal Membership on March, 5, 2020, for the purpose of applying for a home-site lease and land. See Notarized Hopi Tribe Relinquishment Statement and Notice of Relinquishment as Exhibit F.

H. The Hopi Tribe has confirmed Louise Rae Pavinyama was provided a formal Notice of Relinquishment herein as Exhibit G.
I. Louise Rae Pavinyama has formally requested reinstatement as a Navajo Nation tribal member. See letter authored by Louise Rae Pavinyama dated December 9, 2020 as Exhibit H.

SECTION THREE. REENROLLMENT

Louise Rae Pavinyama is and shall be reinstated, or otherwise reenrolled, as a member of the Navajo Nation. By this action of the Navajo Nation Council and pursuant to the laws of the Navajo Nation, she shall be entitled to all rights, benefits and privileges associated with membership with the Navajo Nation.