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Diné Action Plan approved by Navajo Nation Council, Advisory group created

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Last week, the 24th Navajo Nation Council unanimously approved Legislation No. 0184-21, revitalizing the Diné Action Plan (DAP) and establishing an advisory group to implement its goals and objectives. Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty sponsored the legislation to address the ongoing needs of social service and public safety programs across the Navajo Nation.

“The Diné Action Plan brings together our Diné teachings sourced from our Creation Stories, allowing the Navajo people to realign itself back to a state of hozhó and prosperity. The advisory council now has a roadmap to properly address the social ills that affect our families,” said Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty (Cove, Toadlena/Two Grey Hills, Red Valley, Tsé’áłnáoozt’íí, Tooh Haltsooi, Beclabito, Gad’ii’áhi/Tó Ko’i).

The executive, judicial, and legislative branches adopted the updated Diné Action Plan which now incorporates the philosophical values of Nitsáhákees (thinking), Nahat’á (planning), Ilná (action), and Sihasin (reflecting) to address violence, substance abuse, suicide, and our missing or murdered Navajo relatives.

The DAP was created to improve the quality of life and advance economic opportunities for the Navajo people by following components of the Tribal Action Plan created in 1987. It will serve as an informational and data resource addressing these issues which can then be used to support future grant applications.

“The Diné Action Plan allows us to address modern day monsters impacting our families so we prevent suicides, domestic violence, and substance abuse disorders. Our traditional teachings were given to us by the Holy People so we could overcome the challenges presented to us in life. Our language and sacred stories will protect and guide us into the future,” said Speaker Seth Damon (Bááhaalí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Red Rock, Rock Springs, Tséyatoh).

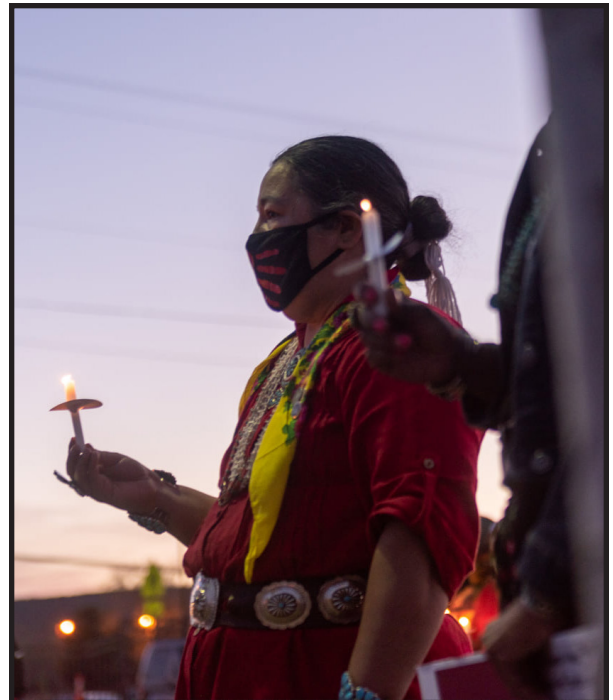


PHOTO: Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty at the MMIW Candlelight Vigil in early May 2021.

The Navajo Nation's three branch chiefs signed a letter endorsing the DAP in July. This provided a commitment of each branch to work toward Hozhó - balance, peace, beauty and harmony.

The Advisory Group will create a network of tribal and non-tribal advocates and will reevaluate and amend the DAP whenever necessary or at least every five (5) years.

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