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TITLE: An Act Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Recognizing and Honoring Navajo Women Warriors on the First Day of Spring Every Year

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LEGISLATION SUMMARY

TrackingNo. 0025-22

Date: February 3, 2022

Re: **AN ACT RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; RECOGNIZING AND HONORING NAVAJO WOMEN WARRIORS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING EVERY YEAR**

Purpose: to recognize and honor Navajo women who serve in the military by designating the first day of Spring every year as “Navajo Women Warriors Day”

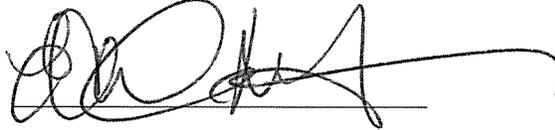
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5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: Johnson
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Health Education & Human Services Committee
Thence
Naabik'iyáti' Committee
Thence
Navajo Nation Council

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year, 2022

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES,
12 AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION
13 COUNCIL; RECOGNIZING AND HONORING NAVAJO WOMEN
14 WARRIORS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING EVERY YEAR
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16 BE IT ENACTED:
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18 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

19 A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee as a
20 standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. As such, the Committee has the
21 responsibility to review and recommend legislation relating to veterans and veterans'
22 services, among other duties. 2 N.N.C. §401(B)(6)(a).

23 B. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation
24 standing committee, and proposed legislation requiring final action by the Navajo Nation
25 Council is assigned to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(9) and §700(A).

26 C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).
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28 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

29 A. The Fort Defiance Agency Veterans Organization passed a resolution dated October 12,
30 2017, titled: "Supporting Navajo Women Veteran Recognition Day; Beginning The First

1 Day of Spring in March of Every Year on The Navajo Nation.” **EXHIBIT A.**

2 B. The Fort Defiance Agency Veterans Organization acknowledges the following statistics: the
3 current projected percentages of U.S. veterans who are women is 10% of the total veteran
4 population; the average age of women veterans is 48 years old; post-traumatic stress disorder,
5 hypertension, and depression are frequent conditions that women veterans experience; one
6 in five women seen at veterans hospitals report that they have suffered sexual trauma at the
7 hands of their male counterparts; and the suicide rate for women veterans is 19 per 100,000.

8 **EXHIBIT A.**

9 C. Many Navajo women who serve in the military have children and families but must sacrifice
10 time with their loved ones while serving their country away from home. When they return,
11 these women warriors experience many challenges as they take on the responsibilities of
12 civilian life. **EXHIBIT A.**

13 D. Since the birth of Changing Women, Diné women have traditionally been held in high regard
14 as they are responsible for the growth of the Navajo People.

15 E. The Navajo Nation acknowledges that Navajo women who have served in the military face
16 many different obstacles and challenges, as compared to men serving in the U.S. Armed
17 Forces.

18 F. It is most appropriate for the Navajo Nation to designate the first day of Spring in March of
19 every year as a day to recognize, commemorate, and pay tribute to all Navajo Women
20 Warriors who are currently serving, have served, or will serve, in the U.S. Armed Forces.

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22 **SECTION THREE. DECLARATION OF THE NAVAJO NATION**

23 The Navajo Nation hereby recognizes and declares the first day of Spring of every year, during
24 the month of March, as a day to honor our Navajo Women Warriors. This day shall be called
25 “Navajo Women Warriors Day” and shall be day of reverence for, and celebration of, all Navajo
26 Women Warriors.

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28 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

29 This declaration shall be effective on the date of the certification of this Resolution by the
30 Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §221(C).