



25th Navajo Nation Council

## 25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

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### **Council approves \$2.1 million to support patient care and rehabilitation services for disabled persons**



**PHOTO:** Legislation sponsor, Council Delegate Nathan Notah said the approved funding will help provide a new Coyote Canyon Rehabilitation Center facility.

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On the opening day of the Fall Council Session, the 25th Navajo Nation Council unanimously approved Legislation No. 0232-23, which will provide over \$2.1 million from the Síhasin Fund for the Coyote Canyon Rehabilitation Center, Inc. for a new modular building, utility upgrades, and a new parking lot.

The Coyote Canyon Rehabilitation Center operates under a Memorandum of Agreement with the Navajo Nation Division of Social Services to provide patient care and rehabilitation services for disable people – many of whom are elderly Navajo people.

In May 2023, the existing facility was condemned and closed by the Navajo Nation Occupational Safety and Health Administration (NNOSHA) due to health and safety hazards caused by lead paint, asbestos containing material, and the presence of mold.

“This is a great organization that does a lot of positive work to help many of our elders in Coyote Canyon and many surrounding communities. Unfortunately, due to the closure of the former facility, the administrative staff have faced challenges in providing the services. With this funding, we can move forward with a new facility to ensure that these critical services

continue for our people,” said legislation sponsor, Council Delegate Nathan Notah (Coyote Canyon, Mexican Springs, Naschitti, Tohatchi, Bahastl’a’a’).

According to information provided by the Coyote Canyon Rehabilitation Center, the unexpected closure caused a severe disruption to operations and services provided to their clients. Scheduled deliveries of supplies from vendors were impacted as well as the ability to conduct appointments, meetings, and trainings.

On Oct. 16, the 25th Navajo Nation Council voted 17-0 to approve the legislation through a consent agenda. Once the resolution is certified and delivered to the Office of the President and Vice President, the Navajo Nation President will have ten calendar days to consider the resolution.

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