



25th Navajo Nation Council

## 25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

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### **25th Navajo Nation Council applauds signing of \$6 million emergency relief resolution to mitigate impacts of winter weather**



**PHOTO:** Members of the 25th Navajo Nation Council and Speaker Crystalyne Curley gathered with Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren as he signed Resolution CJA-11-24 in front of the Navajo Nation Council Chamber.

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Wednesday, the 25th Navajo Nation Council joined Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren as he signed Resolution CJA-11-24, appropriating nearly \$6 million from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance to help Navajo communities recover from the impacts of recent winter snow and mud conditions.

Legislation 0027-24 appropriates \$3.85 million for the 110 chapters and approximately \$2.1 million to the Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management. President Nygren requested the special council session held on Wednesday, to consider the emergency legislation along with language to allow \$35,000 to be distributed to each of the 110 chapters.

“Thank you, President Nygren, and the 25th Navajo Nation Council for supporting this initiative. It’s not for us. It’s for our people because our elderly need this assistance,” said legislation sponsor, Council Delegate George Tolth (Littlewater, Pueblo Pintado, Torreon, Whitehorse Lake, Baca/Prewitt, Casamero Lake, Ojo Encino, Counselor).

25th Navajo Nation Council Speaker Crystalyne Curley said the legislation is critical to support the emergency response of the chapters and Navajo Nation government in assisting Navajo

communities impacted by adverse winter weather conditions. The funding will also be available to mitigate future adverse weather as well.

"This is one of the few times that Council and the President's Office are approving and signing a legislation into law on the same day. It's something historical that we are doing for the Navajo people," Speaker Curley said. "In the last council session, we put in a directive to expedite the process. We need to act quickly as leadership."

President Nygren agreed that the legislation needed to be signed quickly to get the resources out to the Navajo communities in need.

"It's exciting to see that the 25th Navajo Nation Council moved quickly on these amendments and now were here in front of the Council Chamber signing this legislation," President Nygren said.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council thanks President Nygren and his staff for prioritizing the signing of Legislation 0027-24 to provide relief to Navajo communities impacted by inclement winter weather.

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