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25th Navajo Nation Council approves Síhasin Fund allocation for new Cameron Chapter House



Council Delegate Casey Allen Johnson said the new Cameron Chapter House will provide cultural and civic vitality.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — In a move to strengthen the heart of community activity in Cameron, Ariz., the 25th Navajo Nation Council under the sponsorship of Council Delegate Casey Allen Johnson (Cameron, Coalmine Canyon, Birdsprings, Leupp, Tolani Lake), approved Legislation No. 0039-24 on Tuesday, allocating \$4.8 million from the Navajo Nation's Síhasin Fund for the construction of a new Cameron Chapter House.

Delegate Johnson stated that the new facility will serve as a hub for gatherings, cultural events, and administrative operations, strengthening community spirit and governance.

"Cameron is proactive in protecting their home, community, and especially the youth. Utilizing the chapter house for celebrations, ceremonies, and local government meetings is pivotal for the cultural and civic vitality of our people," said Delegate Johnson.

"This community is taking charge to make effective changes within their community. Tourism is a big initiative in Cameron, with thousands passing through to the Grand Canyon. This new chapter house represents a wonderful opportunity for economic and social development, marking Cameron as a prime tourism destination," stated Delegate Germaine Simonson (Hard Rock, Forest Lake, Pinon, Black Mesa, Whippoorwill). The Council also approved an amendment put forth by Council Delegate Danny Simpson (Becenti, Lake Valley, Nahodishgish, Standing Rock, Whiterock, Huerfano, Nageezi, Crownpoint) to include a Cameron Chapter resolution acknowledging the chapter's contribution of \$80,000 toward the project.

Delegate Johnson added that the new facility is not merely a building, it is a beacon of hope and progress, a safe place for healing and unity.

Speaker Crystalyne Curley also thanked her Council colleagues and recognized the legislation as a significant investment that underscores the Council's commitment to all communities.

The Council approved the legislation during the second day of the Spring Council Session by a vote of 20-0. 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 funding request.

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