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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Reinstatement of Jonathan Tso as a Member of the Navajo Nation

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0117-24

DATE: May 22, 2024

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT OF JONATHAN TSO AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, would reinstate Jonathan Tso as a member of the Navajo Nation.

Final Authority: Navajo Nation Council

Vote Required: Majority of those voting

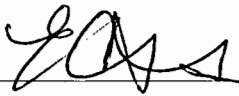
This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review the proposed resolution in detail.

5-DAY BILL/HOLD PERIOD
Website Posting Time/Date
Posting End Date: 05-28-24
Eligible for Action: 05-29-24

Health Education & Human Services Committee
Thence
Naabik'iyáti' Committee
Thence
Navajo Nation Council

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2024

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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13 COUNCIL; APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT OF
14 JONATHAN TSO AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION
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16 BE IT ENACTED:

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18 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 19 A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C.
20 §102(A).
21 B. A proposed resolution that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall
22 be assigned to standing committee(s) having authority over the subject matter at issue
23 and the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).
24 C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of
25 the Navajo Nation Council and has legislative oversight over the Navajo Nation
26 Office of Vital Records and Identification. 2 N.N.C. §400(A), §401(C)(2), and §1665.
27 D. Any enrolled member of the Navajo Nation may renounce their membership through
28 a written petition to the President of the Navajo Nation, requesting their name be
29 stricken from the Navajo Nation census roll. Reinstatement of Navajo Nation
30 membership shall be by majority vote of the Navajo Nation Council. 1 N.N.C. §705.

1 E. To be eligible for membership in the Navajo Nation, an individual cannot be enrolled
2 as member of any other tribe of Indians. 1 N.N.C. §703.
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4 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

5 A. Johnathan Tso was born to Carol Grey, a full blooded enrolled member of the
6 Assiniboine Sioux from the Fort Peck Reservation in Montana, and Stanley Tso, a
7 full blooded enrolled member of the Navajo Nation from Lower Fruitland in New
8 Mexico. *See Exhibit A - Personal Statement*

9 B. Mr. Tso was raised on the Navajo Nation by his father, and later by his grandparents.

10 C. Due to Mr. Tso's desire to become closer to his mother and familiar with his Sioux
11 culture, Mr. Tso relinquished his membership with the Navajo Nation to obtain
12 membership with the Fort Peck, Assiniboine and Sioux tribes.

13 D. Mr. Tso submitted documentation to relinquish his membership with the Navajo
14 Nation on September 12, 2012, which was recorded by the Navajo Office of Vital
15 Records and Identification on November 19, 2012. **Exhibit B.**

16 E. Mr. Tso enjoyed the time with his mother on the Fort Peck Reservation in Montana.
17 However, Mr. Tso's roots are with the Navajo Nation, and he desires to raise his
18 children on the Navajo Nation, teaching them the skills of growing and caring for
19 crops that were passed down from his father and grandparents.

20 F. On April 11, 2023, Mr. Tso relinquished his enrollment with the Fort Peck,
21 Assiniboine & Sioux tribes, in resolution #31-1782-2023-03, and is eligible for
22 reinstatement pursuant to 1 N.N.C. §705. **Exhibit C.**

23 G. For the reasons stated above, Jonathan Tso humbly requests reinstatement as a
24 member of the Navajo Nation.

25 **SECTION THREE. REINSTATEMENT OF JONATHAN TSO**

26 The Navajo Nation Council hereby approves the reinstatement of Jonathan Tso as an
27 enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. Mr. Tso shall hereafter be entitled to all rights,
28 benefits, and privileges associated with Navajo Nation membership.
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