

# 2024 SUMMER SESSION SPEAKER'S REPORT

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## Message from Speaker Crystallyne Curley

Yá'át'ééh and welcome my colleagues of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, President Dr. Buu Nygren, Madam Vice President Richelle Montoya, Madam Chief Justice JoAnn B. Jayne, chapter officials, federal, state, and county officials, legislative staff, and most importantly, to our Diné People. Thank you for joining us as we welcome you to the 2024 Summer Council Session.

As Speaker of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, this is the seventh time that I've come before this body to present the Speaker's Report. In this time, the 25th Navajo Nation Council has set the course of history for the Navajo People by making monumental decisions that will benefit our communities for generations to come.

In a time honored tradition, our leaders have gathered with their community members to trek from their home communities to the Council Chamber in Window Rock. Along the way, Council Delegates have discussed issues with their constituents, who bring with them their community concerns and recommendations. This tradition continues today, and we are proud to share this special occasion with all of our Navajo people, especially our youth and elders.

On behalf of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, I extend a very special welcome to all of the horse riders and many others who made the journey over the last several days to be with us on the opening day of the session.

Over the years, the Council horse trail ride has evolved into a multifaceted event, incorporating bike riders, runners, and walkers to create a more inclusive experience. This shift emphasized not only the joy of physical activity but also the importance of health and wellness in the community. The event fosters greater community engagement and encourages all ages and abilities to come together, promoting a sense of unity and collective well-being.

During the summer season, we encourage everyone to take time to reflect on the teachings of our elders in relation to kinship and decision making. As our traditional teachings dictate, Ni'hi'saad ayoo bi'dzil, our spoken words have power to create change that improves the livelihood of our people for many years to come, but we have to work together and move forward on a positive path during this session.

As the 25th Navajo Nation Council convenes, we are guided



**Crystallyne Curley, 25th Navajo Nation Council Speaker**

by the prayers of our ancestors to lead with compassion and wisdom, and I am confident that we will continue to make progress and plan for the future of our Nation. On behalf of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, I again thank our Diné Citizens for your guidance and support as we move forward.

## Water Rights

The 25th Navajo Nation Council made history on May 23rd when we unanimously passed legislation to approve the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement, which now seeks congressional support to finalize the largest Indian water rights settlement in the United States.

This agreement would resolve water claims by the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and San Juan Southern Paiute Nation. The 17 participants to the settlement include the United States, the State of Arizona, and the Hopi and San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe. The settlement calls for the Navajo Nation to receive a substantial amount of the Colorado River Upper Basin water, some Lower Basin water, all groundwater underlying the Navajo Nation, all surface water that reaches the Navajo Nation from the Little Colorado River, and all wash water that reaches the Nation south of the Hopi Tribe's land.





**Members of the Navajo Nation Water Rights team are joined by the 25th Navajo Nation Council after the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement was approved by Council.**

In addition, the settlement provides the Nation the flexibility to move Arizona water from the upper basin to lower basin Navajo communities, and to divert Arizona water in New Mexico and Utah, which in some cases is closer to our Arizona communities. This settlement will also secure billions of dollars' worth of funding to build critical water delivery infrastructure for the Nation that would not be possible through litigation.

The settlement has been introduced in the U.S. Senate and House by Senators Mark Kelly, Kyrsten Sinema and Representatives Juan Ciscomani, Greg Stanton, and David Schweikert. We are very grateful for their support and leadership in moving this bill forward.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council also voted in support of the Rio San José Stream System Water Rights Settlement Agreement, quantifying the Nation's water rights in the Rio San José Stream System and the Rio Puerco Basin in New Mexico. This settlement directly impacts nine Navajo chapter communities nestled within the Rio San Jose Basin including Baca/Prewitt, Casamero Lake, Crownpoint, Littlewater, Mariano Lake, Ramah, Smith Lake, Thoreau, and Tóhajiilee, as well as seven chapters within the Rio Puerco Basin including Tóhajiilee, Torreón, Ojo Encino, Pueblo Pintado, Whitehorse Lake, Counselor, and Littlewater.

The Council and the Office of the Speaker remain committed to pushing the Rio San José Stream System Water Rights Settlement Agreement through congress to quantify our water claims and secure additional water infrastructure and resources in our New Mexico communities.

Since taking office in January 2023, the 25th Navajo Nation Council has made securing water rights a top priority to bring much needed water resources and infrastructure to communities across the Navajo Nation. I extend my appreciation to my Council colleagues, Department of Justice, the Navajo Water Rights Commission, President Nygren, and Vice President Richelle Montoya, and many others who continue to advocate for our water rights.

### **ARPA Funding**

On May 28th, the 25th Navajo Nation Council took assertive action to protect the Navajo Nation's ARPA funding from reversion, by adopting Resolution No. CMY-28-24. This resolution reallocated \$768 million of unobligated and unexpended ARPA funding to the newly-established "Revenue Replacement Reserve" fund, which is now under the Navajo Nation's general funds and no longer subject to the federal ARPA deadlines or federal red tape.



Although the resolution was signed into law by President Nygren, he also used the line-item veto authority granted to the president by the Navajo people to remove project listings for critical community-based projects that stood to benefit elders, families, and many others. Now that the listings are no longer in place, the Council must come back to the table to work with the Executive Branch to reallocate approximately \$293 million worth of funds.

The Council fully understands the urgency to expedite community projects, especially for infrastructure projects that will deliver critical services for Navajo families. As we move forward, we will continue to monitor the encumbered ARPA allocations and ensure projects meet the critical deadlines. We will also schedule additional meetings with the Office of the President and Vice President to work through obstacles and identify solutions to expedite the process.

### **FY2025 Comprehensive Budget/Revenue Generation**

In June 2024, the Budget and Finance Committee approved the Budget Instruction Manual, through Resolution No. BFJN-16-24, accepting the Controller's FY 2025 General Fund Revenue Projections:

• Fixed Costs	\$30,169,242
• External Funds Cash Match	\$5,401,415
• Executive Branch	\$117,327,379
• Legislative Branch	\$18,056,491
• Judicial Branch	\$18,094,114
• Chapters-Non Administrative	\$13,875,225
• Total	\$202,923,866

According to the Office of the Controller, approximately \$22 million in Permanent Trust Fund interest income excess is also available for the FY2025 budget. Also, the Three Branch Chiefs recommend this be used for elder programs, youth enrichment, roads, program unmet needs, and other direct services provided by the Navajo Nation.

In addition to the budget allocations, the Three Branch Chiefs recommend using a portion of personnel cost savings from FY2024 for either a four-percent or five-percent General Wage Adjustment for Navajo Nation employees to help offset the growing costs of living for families.

The Office of the Speaker has also met with each of the programs under the Legislative Branch to provide guidance, answer questions, and to discuss unmet needs. As we

move forward with the FY2025 Comprehensive Budget process, the Office of the Speaker will continue working with the Budget and Finance Committee, OMB, Office of the Controller, and each of the Standing Committees to address direct services and other budget priorities.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council is anticipating considering the FY2025 Comprehensive Budget during the early weeks of September. This significant deliberation will outline the financial priorities and allocations for the upcoming fiscal year, reflecting the Council's commitment to addressing the needs and aspirations of the Navajo Nation.

### **Radiation Exposure Compensation Act**

The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) extension and amendments remain a top priority for the Office of the Speaker and the 25th Navajo Nation Council. The RECA program has sunset due to holdups within congress, largely due to the anticipated cost of expanding the program and benefits.

U.S. Senator Josh Hawley continues to fight for the expansion and extension of RECA, along with several members of congress. In June, my colleagues and I met with congressional members on Capitol Hill to continue pushing for more support for the bill. We were met with some resistance, however, we understand what is at risk if congress does not take action soon.

We have many of our Navajo people who rely on the RECA benefits and many of them continue to fight alongside us. On July 2nd, Navajo Nation Washington Office Executive Director Justin Ahasteen and I had the honor of meeting with the Navajo Uranium Radiation Victims Committee (NURVC) at the Office of the Speaker to provide them with updates and to answer their questions. The Office of the Speaker is working with the NURVC to provide information on local radio stations to RECA beneficiaries. As we move forward, the 25th Navajo Nation Council will continue its push for RECA expansion and extension.

### **Virtual Attendance at Chapter Meetings**

Virtual attendance of chapter meetings is now an option for the 110 chapters across the Navajo Nation. The 25th Navajo Nation Council led the effort to amend Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code to allow chapters to decide for themselves if they want to conduct their official chapter meetings either in-person, hybrid, or through virtual attendance.

The Council adopted Resolution No. CO-85-23 to allow for the virtual attendance option, which required at least 56 supporting chapter resolutions to take effect. On June 25th, the chapters met this requirement. In order for this option to take effect at chapter meetings, chapters who intend to use the virtual option will need to adopt a chapter resolution to allow virtual attendance along with policies and procedures to guide the process.

This initiative ultimately allows for broader participation at the local level for our Navajo people. It will take time for chapters to consider and implement virtual attendance if their voters choose to. Once again, I thank my colleagues of the 25th Navajo Nation Council for driving this initiative forward.

### United Nations Advocacy

On June 19th, with support from the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission Office, I had the honor of standing in unity with Indigenous leaders and representatives from around the world at the United Nations (U.N.), to advocate for the inclusion of Indigenous peoples in the United Nations General Assembly. Together, we emphasized the importance of Indigenous governing institutions' participation in global decision-making processes that impact Indigenous communities.

This advocacy aligns with U.N. Resolution 78/189 adopted in 2023, which underscores the necessity of recognizing and integrating Indigenous voices within the U.N. framework. In 2017, the Navajo Nation Council's Naabik'iyati' Committee adopted Resolution NABIJA-03-17, authorizing the three Branch Chiefs of the Navajo Nation to support efforts for Indigenous representatives to participate in U.N. systems and requesting the U.N. to grant special recognition status to the Navajo Nation.

The Navajo Nation's resolution further states that the United States must incorporate the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples into its domestic laws including but not limited to the Indigenous human rights standards of free, prior, and informed consent.

Resolution 78/189, adopted by the General Assembly, calls for enhanced efforts to ensure Indigenous peoples have direct representation in the General Assembly. It acknowledges the unique perspectives and vital contributions of Indigenous communities in addressing global challenges, including climate change, sustainable



**Speaker Crystalyne Curley advocated for the inclusion of Indigenous people in the United Nations General Assembly.**

development, and human rights.

Historically, the Navajo Nation has contributed to drafting and presenting both U.N. and American declarations. Indigenous governance varies widely, but we all deserve recognition by the U.N. systems. While Indigenous representatives can participate in some U.N. forums, other parts of the U.N. do not recognize Indigenous governments. Specific measures are needed to include Indigenous governments in these discussions.

Moving forward, the 25th Navajo Nation Council, Office of the Speaker, and the Human Rights Commission Office will continue to coordinate and advocate alongside other Indigenous representatives, domestically and abroad.

### Goulding's Lodge Grand Opening

On June 14th, the 25th Navajo Nation Council came together with President Nygren to mark the grand opening of the Goulding's Monument Valley Lodge and Tours – a property recently purchased by the Navajo Nation to expand economic opportunities for the Navajo people.

In April, the 25th Navajo Nation Council approved legislation supporting the purchase of the Goulding's Monument Valley Lodge, which was then signed by President Nygren. The 670-acre property includes a Monument Valley tour business, an RV campground with rental cabins, a gas





Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren (left) joined the 25th Navajo Nation Council and representatives of the Navajo Nation Hospitality Enterprise as they celebrated the grand re-opening of the Goulding's Lodge in Monument Valley, UT, under the ownership of the Nation.

station and convenience store, a grocery store, and an airstrip.

With this historic achievement, the Goulding's property is now managed and operated by the Navajo Nation Hospitality Enterprise (NNHE) with a revenue sharing agreement in place with the Navajo Nation, to ensure that the Navajo people benefit through direct services from the revenue that is generated.

### Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force

The Missing & Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force meets weekly with support from the Office of the Speaker. Under the leadership of Council Delegate, Amber Kanazbah Crotty, the task force has launched an updated "Missing Persons Toolkit" in collaboration with the MMDR Coalition. The toolkit is free and available to the public, online and printed. The MMDR Task Force has been working on the following actions with federal, state and local partners:

- Develop recommendations and actions that the Navajo Nation government can take to combat instances of missing Dine persons, murder, and human trafficking on and off the Navajo Nation.
- Develop a non-profit data institute to aid the Navajo public and Navajo Nation leadership in understanding

the scope of missing and murdered Dine relatives, as well as to develop solution-based pathways for healing and justice.

- Continually update the missing persons toolkit.
- Advocate for programs, including victim's services and victim advocates, that support MMDR-impacted families.
- Advocate for federal, state, and tribal funding for an inter-coordinated tribal information management system with judicial data tracking systems and training.
- Advocate for federal, state, and transitional housing for victims of their families.
- Secure information and propose data-sharing agreements with state and federal law enforcement agencies.
- Expand partnerships, including state and federal law enforcement agencies, that are also striving to resolve the missing and murdered indigenous person crisis.

### Diné Action Plan Advisory Group

Legislative Staff Assistant, Sonlatsa Jim, is the Co-Chair for the Dine' Action Plan (DAP) Advisory Group representing the Office of the Speaker. The DAP Advisory Group meets regularly with task group leaders to implement action plans that address social issues such as suicide prevention, alcohol and substance abuse, violence prevention, and



missing and murdered Dine' relatives. With the guidance of the Navajo Division of Social Services, the Dine' Action Plan has been moving forward with valuable lessons learned from Operation Rainbow Bridge. The DAP Advisory Group will engage in a "Data Summit" to gather data and statistics on social issues facing the Navajo people: suicide, substance and alcohol abuse, family and community violence, missing persons, victims of crime, and human trafficking. The data will serve as a foundation to consolidate data and identify data needs.

### Emergency Management Training

Many of the Legislative Branch staff have attended trainings on the National Incident Management System (NIMS) with technical support provided by the Navajo Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program staff under the Navajo Department of Health. Employees have been working on obtaining emergency incident management certificates through a self-paced training provided by FEMA. A standard response emergency management plan will be finalized for the Office of the Speaker which will include safety plans for the Navajo Nation Council and staff. We would like to thank all of the local partners who have participated in the sessions including the Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management and the "I Love You Guys Foundation."

### Closing Remarks

On behalf of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, we thank our Diné people for joining us during the 2024 Summer Council Session. As we move into the next quarter, the Council will begin many more initiatives, including the 2025 budget session, in which all government departments and programs will present their goals and proposed budgets. May this summer season bring many blessings to your families and communities.

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Crystalyne Curley, *Speaker*  
25th Navajo Nation Council



Left to right, Speaker Curley, President Dr. Buu Nygren, and Council Delegate Casey Allen Johnson commemorate the signing of a legislation for a new Cameron Chapter House.



Speaker Curley had fun letting students from Jeehdeeza School call council into session.



Speaker Curley is joined by students from Navajo Preparatory School in Farmington, NM.



## Office of Navajo Government Development Fiscal Year 2024 – Third Quarter Report Summary



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The Commission on Navajo Government Development (CNGD) is a task specific entity created by the Navajo Nation Council with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the Navajo people's Government Reform Project. CNGD's purpose is to institute a government reform proposal to be approved by the Navajo people by a referendum vote to create an accountable and responsible government. The purpose of the Commission and Office is to review and evaluate all aspects of existing government structure of the Navajo Nation including laws, rules and regulations, practices, functions, goals and objectives of the central government; and to develop recommendations and proposals for alternative forms of government, including chapter governments for consideration and possible adoption by the Navajo People through a referendum or initiative vote.

The Office of Government Development (ONGD) was established for the purpose of assisting the Commission on Navajo Government Development with administrative tasks and by conducting research, analysis and making proposals for governmental changes that are necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government to the Navajo People. The Office is tasked with assisting the CNGD draft the Government Reform Proposal and seek the Navajo people's involvement and input into the Government Reform Proposal with public informational meetings and direct communication. ONGD is also charged with developing proposals for alternative forms of local governance and empowerment.

### Accomplishments from FY2024 Third Quarter

In addition to ongoing research and operation of ONGD, the following outlines the accomplishments for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023-2024:

#### Program Performance Criteria Goal Statements

##### Work on the Navajo Government Reform Project

Goal: 2      Actual: 2

1. Continuing to develop the Diyin Nohokáá' Dine'é Bi Beehaz'áanii Bitsí Siléí as part of the Navajo Government Reform Project.
2. Developing goals & objectives for the Navajo Government Reform Project and public engagement.

##### Draft the government reform proposal (measure by articles, sections)

Goal: 3      Actual: 3

1. Drafted government reform proposals for leadership roles.
2. Held a work session June 3 & 4 at Navajo Preparatory School as a two-full day review of the working document government proposal.
3. Fielding the Essential Attributes of a Democracy presentation as further public engagement.

##### Empower the Navajo people by proposing amendments to Initiative procedures

Goal: 1      Actual: 1

1. The Office met with the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors on May 23, 2024, to discuss the proposed amendments to the initiative section of the election code. Further discussion soon.

##### Public Engagements regarding Navajo Government Reform Project proposal.

Goal: 3      Actual: 6

**Diné Governance Virtual Presentation Series:** ONGD & CNGD hosted virtual presentations for the public.

1. April 3: Navajo Government Reform Project.
2. Each presentation was live streamed on the ONGD Facebook Page and recorded via zoom. To access the archives presentations, visit the ONGD YouTube Page: <https://www.youtube.com/@NavajoGovDev>

**Fort Lewis College:** April 19th, Director Tsosie provided a presentation to Ft. Lewis College students on the history of the Navajo government, ethics and federal Indian law in relation to the Treaty of 1868.

**Diné College Landback Symposium:** April 26, Policy Analyst Triston Black provided a presentation about “Integrating Fundamental Law with Diné Land Governance to Diné College students, faculty, and public.

**Kayenta Unified School District:** May 10th, the KUSD Cultural Center invited the Office to present about Diné traditional governance, history of the Diné government, and the current Navajo Nation government for K-12 grade students via in-person and virtually.

**Treaty Day:** June 1st, Director Tsosie provided a public presentation at the Navajo Nation Museum about the possibilities and opportunities the Treaty of 1868 provides to the Navajo people and their government.

**Navajo Agency Council Meetings:**

1. April 13th, 2024, the Ft. Defiance Agency Council meeting took place at Navajo Pine High School. Director Tsosie attended and provided a report.
2. June 8th, 2024, the Eastern Agency Council meeting took place at Crownpoint Chapter. Commissioner Anselm Morgan attended and provided a report.
3. June 8th, 2024, the Western Agency Council meeting took place at Kaibeto Chapter. The Office provided an electronic & written report to the Western Agency Council leadership.
4. June 15th, 2024, the Northern Agency Council meeting took place at Red Mesa chapter. Commissioner James Benally attended and provided a report.

**Develop proposals for alternative forms of central and chapter government**

Goal: 3                      Actual: 3

1. The Navajo Nation TV & Film is creating a Local Governance Act Documentary that interviews previous and current leadership on the historical and prospects of LGA.
2. CNGD is exploring options to review, suggest, and provide recommendations to local governance & chapter amendments as an avenue for developing proposals for alternative forms of central & chapter governance.
3. June 6th, Director Tsosie and Mr. Black met with Shiprock Chapter officials to discuss local governance and seek recommendations for local government development.

**Office of the Auditor General  
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The Office of the Auditor General conducts internal audits of Navajo Nation programs, departments, chapters, entities and vendors.

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## Accomplishments from FY2024 Third Quarter: 7 reports

### Internal Audits – 1 report

- Fort Defiance Chapter

### Corrective Action Plan Follow-up Reviews – 5 reports

- Nahodishgish Chapter 2nd CAP follow-up review
- Red Mesa Chapter CAP follow-up review
- Oljato Chapter 3rd CAP follow-up review
- Bahastlah Chapter 2nd CAP follow-up review
- Navajo Parks and Recreation Department 2nd CAP Follow-up review

### Investigations (confidential) – 1 report

- Division of Economic Development – Business Industrial Development Fund

## Goals for FY2024 Fourth Quarter (planned/ongoing projects and activities)

- Office of the Speaker Special Review
- Whippoorwill Chapter Internal Audit
- Whiterock Chapter Internal Audit
- Chinle Chapter Internal Audit
- Iyanbito Chapter Internal Audit
- Huerfano Chapter Internal Audit
- Four Corners Monument Tribal Park 2nd CAP follow-up review
- Little Colorado River Tribal Park 2nd CAP follow-up review
- Torreon/Star Lake Chapter CAP follow-up review
- Indian Wells Chapter CAP follow-up review
- Ganado Chapter investigation (CONFIDENTIAL)
- Outsource more chapter audits and performance audits of Navajo Nation depts/programs; will need to issue various request for proposals to utilize consulting budget.
- Complete review of corrective action plans submitted to the Auditor General in response to audit reports; continue to work with chapters in revising these corrective action plans and obtaining supporting chapter resolutions. Thereafter, work with the delegates through the legislative process to obtain formal approval of the corrective action plans.
- Implement the updated OAG website; continue to work with Realtime Solutions to make further enhancements based on viewer feedback and receive training on how to maintain the website going forward.
- Work with hired consultant to analyze chapter financial data based on their MIP accounting systems to generate reports on expenditures and available fund balances.
- Work with hired consultant to use data analytics to detect any potentially fraudulent activities or misuse of funds.

## Issues/Recommendations

- Continue to recruit applicants to fill five (5) vacant positions including the Auditor General position, three Associate Auditor positions and one Auditor position; these are key positions for completing audits; will continue to advertise and recruit as diligently as possible.
- Due to the vacancies, our office is challenged in completing the targeted number of projects with limited resources. In order to meet our performance goals, we will have to continue to outsource more audits but that also depends on our consulting budget.
- Efforts to amend our plan of operation and internal procedures manual are ongoing; both documents need revisions to ensure consistency and compliance with audit standards. The amendments will also make the corrective action plan approval process an administrative process requiring only the Auditor General approval of

these plans. There is also plans to revisit the sanctions provisions by considering other alternatives.

- Continue to assist the Administrative Service Centers on a variety of chapter matters.
- Continue to seek assistance from the Administrative Service Centers on chapter audits, corrective action plans, sanctions and LGA certification reviews.
- Continue to work with the Wells Fargo Bank to address chapter banking issues such as the need for credit cards but there are no existing policies and procedures.

## Navajo Nation Labor Commission Fiscal Year 2024 – Third Quarter Report Summary



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### Section One: Accomplishments for Third Quarter of FY 2024:

- Efficient use of allocated funds, NNLC held (20) hearings by teleconference or Zoom or in person with counsels of record and parties.
- NNLC and program timely processed (03) appealed NNLC cases to Navajo Nation Supreme Court.
- NNLC program timely processed (15) formally filed complaint by mail, fax & email.
- NNLC timely adjudicated / settlement conferences (15) NPEA cases.
- NNLC and program timely closed and issued (10) continuance orders.
- NNLC & program timely issued and mailed (600) subpoenas and notice of hearings & NNLC Rules by certified mail, first class, facsimile and email to counsels of record or parties.
- NNLC will continue to adjudicate (61) pending NPEA cases.
- NNLC program made (08) audio copies at parties' request.
- Amended NNLC Rules of Procedure effective April 19, 2021
- NNLC staff continues to participate in 25th NNC and Committee leadership meetings
- Health Education & Human Services Committee of 25th NNC confirmed appointment of Richie Nez, Sr., as member of NNLC Commission.

### Section Two: Goals for Fourth Quarter of FY 2024:

- NN Presidential appointments of NNLC membership per CJY-42-16. Continue to refer candidate(s) to appointing authority.
- Efficient use of allocated funds and timely processed appealed NNLC case(s).
- NNLC & program will timely adjudicate NPEA cases by teleconf., Zoom, and authorized in person hearing(s) from July 08, 2021.
- NNLC & program will timely process formally filed NPEA complaint(s) and/or petition(s).
- NNLC & program will timely issue and close out NPEA cases.
- NNLC & program will continue review and amend NNLC Rules of Procedure.
- NNLC to assist and complete proposed amendments to NNLC Plan of Operation
- NNLC & program will continue to preserve substantial rights of all employees and employers in accordance to Navajo Law.
- NNLC employees to obtain FMIS certification.

### Section Three: Issues/Recommendation(s):

- NNLC lacks (3) Navajo Nation Presidential appointments. Vacancy been advertised.
- NNLC will continue to expedite office renovation & funding per COVID-19 guidance.
- Continue need of sanitation supplies re: COVID-19 issues.



- Need equipment for audio Zoom NNLC hearings; upgrade speaker system; Internet availability in NNLC hearing room and scanning project.
- NNLC & office updating NNLC Plan of operation, Honorable Otto Tso processing legislation.
- Continuing compliance with Federal American Disability Act.
- FMIS (6(B) – NNLC continues to use the system when needed, average of one or twice. The problem is once an input is made, the process becomes lengthy and only due to NN employee in official capacity do not immediately make the appropriate decision to approve, disapprove or request for more information or justification or the request sits there and time expires and is returned to the requester for untimely submission.
- The NNLC Business Unit 101014 continues to expend allocated fiscal funds as outlined in FY 2024 budget. The critical complication in expending funds are compliance with those matters that involved contract(s); 164 process; compliance to NN procurement process and FMIS. Navajo Nation employees have to be FMIS certified.

## Office of Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission Fiscal Year 2024 – Third Quarter Report Summary



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### SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER

The Office of the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission (“ONNHRC”) provides the following report.

- 1. San Juan County NM Democratic Party:** In September 2023, ONNHRC settled with San Juan County NM on the redistricting of the county commission election districts. During the 2nd and 3rd quarters of Fiscal Year 2024, ONNHRC was engaged to assess the democratic party ward districts to demonstrate increased Navajo voter participation. Several Navajo citizens filed written complaints in the office which alleged that the Navajo voters were disenfranchised by the central democratic party. ONNHRC devised plans that allowed for eight ward districts, of which four are Navajo wards although Navajo voter performance in the county is only forty percent. All indications are that the democratic party is moving forward with the eight ward districts and the central party of the state has taken on the election of selecting the national party convention participants.
- 2. San Juan County Utah:** ONNHRC continues to work with San Juan County Utah on the Navajo language assistance. The county and ONNHRC extended the settlement agreement from 2020 to 2024 in order for the county to gain more insight into Section 203 language assistance. While there are indications that the county is now aware of the various components of the language assistance, ONNHRC continues to impress on the county to be proactive in complying with the settlement agreement. ONNHRC continues to experience deficits by the county by not maintaining close track of the agreement. Unfortunately, the county continues to lag behind on the timetable that was agreed to for the publication of the voting information in the Navajo language. ONNHRC is very concerned that the county often is unwilling to address its federal responsibilities to provide Navajo language assistance.
- 3. United Nations Indigenous Human Rights:** ONNHRC received short notice to participate in a meeting in New York City with the coordinators regarding the enhanced participation by indigenous governments in the United

Nations General Assembly. The meeting was on June 19, 2024. The Navajo Nation has been a participant in international meetings regarding indigenous human rights and in 2017 passed a resolution stating that the Navajo Nation become a permanent observer in the UN General Assembly. The current President of the UN General Assembly put together a team that would facilitate the discussions to bring fruition to the next stage for enhancing indigenous participation in the UNGA.

- 4. Corley Nissan:** The following issues with the Ed Corley auto dealership in Gallup, New Mexico, is currently being addressed with the help of the Navajo Nation Department of Justice (NNDOJ). The dealership has closed due to undergoing bankruptcy proceedings. Three individuals filed complaints in a civil lawsuit because their vehicles were mistakenly listed as “abandoned.” It was discovered that Ed Corley had problems with their trade-in process, charging for services that were not provided and mishandling cash payments. Additionally, there were reports of missing vehicles. The Navajo Nation has filed a motion to handle the abandoned vehicles and has submitted proof of claims. We anticipate the possibility of more complaints in the future. On April 30, 2024, the Navajo Nation Department of Justice took a proactive step by conducting the deposition of Eli Grado, owner of Extreme Towing, via Zoom. Mr. Grado stated that he does not do business with the Corley’s. A document from the US Bankruptcy case of Ed Corley’s, labeled Exhibit 2 - Form 206A/B, was presented and explained to Mr. Grado. In response, he denied ever transporting any vehicles from the auto dealership and refuted the content of the Abandoned Vehicles List in Exhibit 2. He mentioned that he was unaware of this situation until the Office contacted him. Mr. Grado emphasized that his company did not accept any vehicles and clarified that his tow trucks were black, not white, as Mr. Corley had stated. He also explained to the NNDOJ how his business operates and the process of picking up a vehicle from an auto dealership. On June 12, 2024, significant depositions were conducted in the case. Deborah Money, the previous owner of Ed Corley Nissan in Gallup, New Mexico, was deposed in Albuquerque, NM. On the same day, Kaul Corley, the former owner of CaRite, was also deposed at the same location. These depositions play a pivotal role in gathering evidence and understanding the roles and responsibilities of the individuals involved in the case. The Commission submitted the Form 410 for several Navajo consumers so that they are informed of the federal bankruptcy proceedings in the Corley Nissan and DM & KC land holdings. The bankruptcy process is continuing; the judge severed the dealer from the land holdings - the dealer is under Chapter 7 and the land holdings is under Chapter 11. The Navajo Nation raised concerns that dealer and land owner insiders have acted in ways that bring to question their motivations and potential for falsifying information.
- 5. AAMCO Repair Shop – Ongoing Issue:** The Office has been collaborating with the Arizona Attorney General’s office (AZAG) on complaints filed against AMMCO in Flagstaff, AZ. Currently, there are 16 open complaints with the ONNHRC. The AZAG’s Office has informed the Office that the consumer vehicles, which have been sitting for some time, even years, needed to be moved. The owner requested that AMMCO remove the vehicles from their lot. Some owners have been contacted, while others could not be reached. The Office attempted to locate these individuals and notify them directly. As of June 2024, 21 vehicles have been returned to the owners at AMMCO’s expense. However, some owners have left their vehicles at AMMCO to be repaired. The AMMCO Corporate office has reached out to some customers who have resolved their issues and signed NDAs, but it is unknown how many customers have settled. Other owners who received their vehicles back were upset because their vehicles were missing parts or had developed more issues due to the aging of their inoperable vehicles. Some consumers did not file a complaint form with the Office. The AZAG is still providing support to ONNHRC. The Office is still trying to locate some customers, including Hopi tribal members, as part of our due diligence. throughout the third quarter, ONNHRC worked with the Arizona Attorney General’s office to remove vehicles from the Flagstaff AAMCO repair shop. The Commission secured the services by Manuelito Towing Services to return vehicles that were on AAMCO lot often for several years. Many of the vehicles are not operable but due to the pending closure of the repair shop the vehicles needed to be removed. Several Navajo consumers elected to have their vehicles repaired by AAMCO; these vehicles were not towed although there were several calls that came to the Commission office after the towing was completed seeking to have their vehicles returned to them even when they are not repaired.
- 6. CaRite:** The Carite auto dealership in Gallup, New Mexico, is accused of engaging in deceptive trade practices that



have had a significant impact on consumers. Customers allege that Carite promised to pay off the loan balances on their traded-in vehicles but failed to do so, leaving the customers responsible for the debt. Additionally, Carite allegedly did not register vehicles on time, could not provide promised Gap Insurance and other add-on products, and falsified credit applications, resulting in unaffordable car payments for consumers. In response, the New Mexico Attorney General (NMAG) filed a lawsuit against the owner Kaul Corley in August 2023. The Office received one complaint filed against Carite, which has been submitted to the NMAG's office. The matter is currently pending a response.

7. **Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement:** The ONNHRC met with the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission on April 30, 2024. The purpose of this meeting was to receive information on the proposed water rights settlement agreement that was negotiated between the Navajo Nation, the Hopi, the San Juan Southern Paiute Nations and other governmental agencies and Arizona municipalities. The water tributaries concerned the Colorado River Upper Basin, the Colorado River Lower Basin, Little Colorado River Basin, the Gila River Basin and ground water aquifers which are essential water resources for the nations. Upon the conclusion of the discussion surrounding this agreement, ONNHRC found the benefits of the agreement to outweigh the disadvantages. A significant benefit of the agreement which is paramount to the future of the Navajo lifeway and tribal sovereignty is the perpetual security of water. ONNHRC recognized the enormous volume of public education and informational forums held thorough out the course of presenting this important matter to the people. Moreover, the right to water security is a fundamental element of human rights. The Navajo people must protect this right while capitalize on its benefits.
8. **Human Trafficking Awareness Conference:** ONNHRC staff attended a one-day conference in Farmington, NM on May 29th, 2024 on Human Trafficking. The conference highlighted the prevalence of human trafficking and the need for increase awareness and reporting. ONNHRC has received complaints from Navajo citizens residing in border towns who are victims of violence and encounter limited resources to assist at their time of need. This conference highlighted specific aspects of sex trafficking and labor trafficking in San Juan County, New Mexico. Additionally, presenters shared information on the difficulties of prosecuting human trafficking cases. The cycle of "exploitation" is a principle factor that attributes to why trafficking victims are repeated victimizes. The information offered by the presenters will help office staff better assist victims of border town violence.
9. **Community Relations Commission - Farmington, NM:** The ONNHRC Commission met with the Farmington Community Relations Commission ("CRC") at the Fruitland Chapter house in Fruitland, NM on May 2, 2024. The intent of this meeting was to not only reacquaint commission members with the newly appointed members of the CRC but to also initiate a joint strategy plan to address relations with Farmington businesses and Navajo consumers. The CRC members shared information on the current status of their organization and upcoming events planned for the city of Farmington. ONNHRC has received a number of complaints concerning automobile purchases in the city of Farmington. ONNHRC is also requesting a meeting with the Chief of Police to obtain arrest, incarceration and prosecution data on Navajo citizens. The last joint meeting with this group was in 2016 when the city of Farmington hired a new Chief of Police.
10. **Public Information Activities:** The Commission held three regular meetings and two special joint meetings during this quarter. Meetings were broadcasted through KTNN via PSAs, press releases and NNHRC social media websites. The Public Information Officer ("PIO") continued the planning for the Four Corners Indigenous Language Conference ("FCILC") now scheduled for November 2024. The Public Information Officer assisted Delegate Crotty with a one-page flyer that provides information about "knowing your rights with graduation apparel". Several high school Navajo graduates were uncertain as to whether traditional Navajo attire was an acceptable form of wear for graduation. This office assisted students and administrators on the state laws for wearing traditional regalia. With the close of fiscal year 2024, so ends the appointment of the Commissioners. The PIO advertised with newspapers that serve Navajo Nation readers to solicit interested applicants for the five commission positions. The cut-off date for interested applicants was June 28, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The applications will be forward to the Navajo Nation

Speaker's office for review and recommendation to the Naa' bik'iyati' committee for confirmation before being seated as a commissioner for ONNHRC. The PIO also assisted with the editing of the Navajo audio recording for San Juan County Utah's primary election, which the county is required to preformed in the settlement agreement with the Navajo Nation. In addition to this, the PIO filmed Mr. Leonard Gorman, Executive Director, for the introduction to the Navajo burial education video that Commissioner Darden heads as the Luce Foundation recipient. Ms. Tiffany Charley, PIO preforms a number of day-to-day office and media activities that continue to present ONNHRC accomplishments nationally and around the world.

- 11. Complaints:** This third quarter report period presented thirteen new complaints filed. Eighteen cases were closed with a total of 638 follow up (duplicated) contacts with all existing cases. A total of 47 cases remained active at the end of June 28, 2024. The investigator attended 3 depositions and coordinated the return of 16 vehicles to families in Arizona.

## Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules Office Fiscal Year 2024 – Third Quarter Report Summary



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### Section One: Accomplishments from 3rd Quarter

- Lewnell B. Harrison, Ethics Investigator was appointed Interim Executive Director on October 15, 2021 to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the office so that services to the Navajo Nation would not be interrupted
- The Ethics and Rules Office continues to contract with Mr. Joe W. Washington, Attorney for all our filings and to prosecute all who have violated the Navajo Nation Ethics in Government Law.
- The Ethics and Rules Office has collected \$ 5,292.00 in restitution payments this quarter.
- The Ethics and Rules Office has completed 400 ethics clearances for individuals that have applied for employment or have applied for candidacy with the Navajo Nation this quarter.
- The Ethics and Rules Office has filed one (1) new ethics case and has had five (5) ethics hearings this quarter.
- The Ethics and Rules Office did presentations of the Navajo Nation Ethics in Government Law for the Navajo Nation Bar Association conference on June 7, 2024 and also for the employees of the Navajo Nation Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services via zoom (twelve locations) on June 20, 2024.
- The Ethics and Rules Office has met with seventy-one (71) individuals for consultation or mediate issues concerning possible Ethics violations.
- The Ethics and Rules Office met with ten (10) different Navajo Nation departments and programs concerning possible ethics violations and recommendations.
- The Ethics and Rules Office has received eighteen (18) new ethics intakes this quarter.



## Section Two: Goals for 3rd Quarter in FY2024

- We will continue to look for qualified people to fill our vacant positions with this office.
- Continue to collect restitution owed to the Navajo Nation by filing on the Respondents that are not in compliance and work on other solutions to collect restitution owed to the Navajo Nation.
- Work towards establishing a more efficient office procedure regarding case management, including appropriate retention timelines.
- Establish procedures to identify fixed timelines for the filing of Orders to Show Cause and Garnishment proceedings to avoid missing the statute of limitations.
- Recommence working and collaborating with the Division of Community Development, Administrative Services Centers, Navajo Nation Prosecutor's White Collar Crime Unite, Navajo Nation Department of Justice, Navajo Elections Administration, and Office of Government Development in providing consultations for local governments (110 chapters).
- Continue Ethics in Government Law/Standards of Conduct training for Chapters, School Boards, and other Navajo Nation Departments, including training for newly hired employees.
- Work cooperatively with other NN departments, the Public Integrity Task Force, FBI, Office of Inspector General and Internal Revenue Service on various task forces and workgroups that concern the public trust to more effectively hold individuals accountable for violations of the Ethics in Government Law.
- Continue to take Ethics intakes on elected and appointed officials and employees of the Navajo Nation and complete Ethics Clearances for candidacies, business loans, veteran's loans and the Navajo Nation Office of Background Investigations.

## Section Three: Issues/Recommendations

- Secure funds to continue to upgrade and renovate our office building.
- To send staff to training for continued education to sharpen their skills.
- To reestablish a MOA/MOU with Navajo Nation departments that would help better establish the referral and prosecution process.
- Security cameras to cover office building and parking lot.
- Audio and video recorder to document interviews.

## Eastern Navajo Land Commission Office Fiscal Year 2024 – Third Quarter Report Summary



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Council Delegate Lester Yazzie, Member  
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### Section One: Accomplishments from 3rd quarter

- Finished Land Buy-back (LBB) maps for 29 Eastern Navajo Agency (ENA) Chapters. Remaining 2 Chapters will be finished soon
- Had \_ ENLC meetings (regular, special, worksession, leadership)
- Had meeting with ENLC, BLM and BIA to prepare for Fee-to-Trust application to BIA
- Prepared budget documents requesting FY2025 budget for the office
- Prepared budget documents requesting FY2025 budget for the Commission
- Prepared budget documents requesting FY2025 budget for fixed costs
- Prepared budget documents requesting FY2025 budget for Unmet Needs
- Conducted the Eastern Navajo Land Conference for Chapter officials, Navajo Nation officials and members of the public.
- Worked with DURAC office to get recommendations for commission position that will represent ENA
- Presented to
- Delivered LBB maps to ENA Chapters and some of the Land Use Committees
- Attended NNDOJ and Water Rights Commission water rights hearings and provided comments
- Helped Nageezi Chapter and its Land Board member to convene and coordinate meeting regarding feral horse entrapment and round-up
- Work with BLM to plan for a Navajo cultural sites visit
- Work with NN Dep't of Agriculture to acquire a land withdrawal or assignment for its office and livestock processing facility
- Attended NN Energy Summit
- Continued comments to USEPA and others regarding Uranium waste remediation
- Gave report to Eastern Navajo Agency Council
- Assisted Eastern Navajo Joint Land Board to initiate the process for the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with BIA, BLM and Navajo Nation
- Meeting with OPVP, ENA Chapters to process documents and contracts for ENA water development projects
- Participated in Zoom meeting with NM Departments and NN EPA to discuss Uranium Waste remediation including the use of Ambrosia Lake for repository and the use of technology to minimize uranium mining waste
- At the request of a Chapter, coordinated a meeting with certain ENA Chapters, NN Departments, IDIQs and others
- Attended Chichiltah Land Use meeting to honor their invitation
- Director attended budget orientation and meetings to prepare FY2025 budget

### Section Two: Goals for 3rd Quarter in FY2024

- Finish LBB maps, give PDF digital copies to Navajo Land Department, ENA Chapter officials, and paper copies to at 2 libraries
- Finish MOU with NN, BLM and BIA; and have it be approved by NNC and RDC
- Continue to assist Chapters with land use meeting requests
- Engage in meaningful dialogue with NM and OPVP regarding the use of Ambrosia Lake for repository and the use of technology to minimize uranium mining waste
- Continue to work with Principal Responsible Parties (PRPs) to develop workforce development and other related matters
- Continue to work with Chapters regarding their ARPA and Revenue Replacement Reserve (RRR) projects
- Conclude the cultural sites visit
- Finalize and monitor FY2025 budgets
- Install a representative on DURAC Commission to represent ENA
- Finalize land withdrawal for NN Dep't Agriculture office in ENA
- Start the process for submitting a Fee-to-Trust application
- Continue to work with NN EPA and US EPA on uranium waste remediation



- Continue to give reports to ENA Chapters and Agency Council

### Section Three: Issues/Recommendations

- Increased budgeting if unmet needs will go a long way to accomplishing the goals of ENLC

## NAVAJO ELECTION ADMINISTRATION Fiscal Year 2024 – Third Quarter Report Summary



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### Section One: Accomplishments from 3rd quarter

#### NAVAJO ELECTION ADMINISTRATION 2024 Navajo Nation Chapter Election

- 737 individuals filed as candidates for various elected positions. On May 18, 2024, 735 individuals were certified as qualified candidates. Two individuals were not qualified.
- Ballots Order for PE Election.
- Recruitment of election workers (aka poll officials) through collaborated efforts with Navajo Nation Chapters.
- Poll Officials trainings scheduled at agency level.

#### Voter registration: 135,572 (1474 New Voter Registered)

- Chinle Agency: 18,929
- Eastern Navajo Agency: 32,228
- Fort Defiance Agency: 33,469
- Northern Navajo Agency: 26,781
- Western Navajo Agency: 24,165

#### FY25 Budget Preparation

- Navajo Election Administration (3): regular, fixed cost, and unmet needs
- Navajo Board of Election Supervisors (2): regular and unmet needs.

#### Special Elections: 4 - Quorum Reduction Special Elections

- 3 in Eastern Navajo Agency and 1 in Fort Defiance Agency. Ballot-O-Demand used at one election; more cons than pros on the system.

#### Appointments: 3

#### Oath of Office: 1

#### NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS

- Six (6) meetings held.
- Approved 12 resolution (canvassing and certification of special election results and timeline extensions for appointments).
- Recall Rules and Regulation amendments were discussed at their April 25, 2024 (tabled).

### Section Two: Goals for 3rd Quarter in FY2024

#### FY 25 budget preparation

- NEA Budgets (3): Regular, Fixed Cost, and Unmet needs.
- NBOES Budgets (2): Regular and Unmet needs.

### 2024 Election

- Conduct Primary Election on July 30, 2024.
- Conduct Absentee voting (in person voting and mail out).
- Conduct Poll Official Trainings.
- Advertise candidate filing for positions not applied for after Primary Election.

### Conduct voter registration drives

### Section Three: Issues/Recommendations

- 150 ADA compliant voting booths were ordered from Inclusion Solutions. The Purchasing Department is requesting a sole source letter sign by Chief Legislative Council. Currently, at a stand still. These particular voting booths are in demand and Inclusion Solutions is the only vendor selling these booths.
- Election Code Amendments: collaboration between NEA and NBOES.

## NAVAJO UTAH COMMISSION Fiscal Year 2024 – Third Quarter Report Summary



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### Section One: Accomplishments from 3rd Quarter

- The Navajo Utah Commission secured \$120,000 from the Utah Navajo Revitalization Fund (NRF) during the third quarter to increase housing construction funds from \$300,000 to \$420,000 to construct seven housing units in the Utah chapter region. This project also has \$426,762 from the Utah Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund for procurement of building materials.
- The Navajo Utah Commission participated in the 2024 Utah Native American Summit at Utah Valley University (UVU) in Orem, Utah with other tribal nations to strengthen government-to-government engagement with the State of Utah. The NUC Office prepared Navajo Nation priorities presented by Council Delegate Curtis Yanito and met with state officials to discuss issues with approximately twelve state agencies.
- The Navajo Utah Commission is collaborating with the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission to extend the Navajo Nation-San Juan County Voting Settlement Agreement to 2030 after it expires at the end of 2024. This agreement requires the county to perform certain election related activities, including language assistance, public announcements, and dissemination of voting information at several Navajo Nation locations prior to the state elections. Satellite election office hours were provided at Montezuma Creek, Monument Valley, Navajo Mountain Chapter, Aneth Chapter, Red Mesa Chapter, Mexican Water Chapter in June and polling sites provided at three of these locations during the Utah Primary on June 25th.
- The Navajo Utah Commission and project partners are close to finalizing architectural planning and design for the Montezuma Creek Post Office Project in collaboration with the U.S. Postal Service and two local chapters. The A&E cost was appropriated by the Utah NRF in the amount of \$90,000.

### Section Two: Goals for 4th Quarter in FY2024

- Work with the seven Utah chapters to identify and qualify housing grant recipients for the Utah Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund appropriation and work with the Utah Navajo Trust Fund for procurement of construction material and labor requirements.
- Prepare and submit a funding application to the Utah Navajo Revitalization Fund (NRF) for FY25 Non-chapter NRF appropriations for a capital project.
- Work with Navajo DOJ and other tribal departments to amend and strengthen the 32 Point Agreement to improve



community relations with the petroleum industry in the Greater Aneth Oilfield.

- Process a RFQ in regional newspapers to hire a consultant to conduct a market analysis for the Montezuma Creek region.

### Section Three: Issues/Recommendations

- The Utah region of the Navajo Nation experienced extended power outages over two successive weekends on June 21 - 23 and June 27 - 30. The power outage impacted communities considerably, including closed businesses, lack of fuel for transportation, loss of perishable food, medical difficulties for at-risk individuals, and disruption of cell services and communications. The power outages indicated to many that some tribal entities were not adequately prepared in providing emergency management services in timely and efficient manner. The Navajo Utah Commission recommends a review and strengthening of the Navajo Nation Emergency Management policies and procedures, including collaborations, communications, coordination with local leadership, and creation of regional emergency management plans. Finally, the readiness and resourcefulness of several community partners are recognized and appreciated, including the Utah Navajo Health System, Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort, and Navajo Nation Oil & Gas.



As legislation sponsor, Speaker Curley presented the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Settlement Agreement before Council.



Speaker Curley met with Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives Hakeem Jeffries.



Speaker Curley advocated on behalf of inclusion of Indigenous people in the United Nations General Assembly.



Speaker Crystalyne Curley sponsored the legislation to appropriate emergency funding for expenses related to the 2024 Navajo Nation Elections.





Left to right: San Juan Southern Paiute Vice President Johnny Lehi, Jr., San Juan Southern Paiute President Robbin Preston, Jr., President Dr. Buu Nygren, Speaker Crystalyne Curley, Hopi Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, and former Hopi Chairman LeRoy Shingoitewa.



Left to right, Council Delegates Nathan Notah and Eugenia Charles-Newton, Speaker Curley, and Arizona Congressman Paul Gosar.



U.S. Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Rachel Levine (center) visited the Navajo Nation and spoke with Speaker Curley and members of the 25th Navajo Nation Council.



Speaker Curley presents Korean Veteran John Hale with gifts on behalf of the 25th Navajo Nation Council.



Speaker Curley is joined by New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham at the NM State Tribal Leaders Summit.





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