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25th Navajo Nation Council urges President Nygren to take action on a proposed Continuing Resolution



The six-month Continuing Resolution aims to avoid employee layoffs and to continue critical government operations beyond the end of the current fiscal year.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The 25th Navajo Nation Council strongly urges Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren to address Council Resolution CS-39-24, which was unanimously approved on by the Council on Sept. 16 and delivered to the Office of the President and Vice President on Sept. 17 for review and consideration.

If signed into law, the measure will secure a six-month Continuing Resolution to avoid employee layoffs and continue critical government operations beyond the end of the current fiscal year which ends on Sep. 30. If President Nygren fails to take action by Sept. 27, the resolution will automatically become law in accordance with Title II of the Navajo Nation Code.

“The Navajo Nation Council continues to receive inquiries from Navajo citizens including elders and veterans who rely on direct services, as well as employees who are concerned with their employment status beyond next week when the current fiscal year ends. The Council took action to ensure continued government operations and to prevent any furloughs or layoffs of Navajo Nation employees,” said Speaker Crystalyne Curley. “As stated previously, the 25th Navajo Nation Council remains committed to adopting a comprehensive budget as soon as possible, but we need action to be taken by the President on the Continuing Resolution.”

The Continuing Resolution will provide 50 percent of the Fiscal Year 2024 Comprehensive Budget amounts for all Navajo Nation programs, departments, and divisions for a six-month period including General Funds, 110 Navajo Nation Chapters, Personnel Lapse Fund and Fixed Costs.

The Continuing Resolution fully funds the FY2025 set-aside for the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund to ensure that Navajo Veterans continue to receive their benefits. The Diné Higher Education Grant Fund will also receive 100 percent of its funding to ensure that Navajo students receive their scholarship funds.

Navajo Technical University and Diné College will also receive their full funding amount.

The resolution also directs programs to prioritize budget revisions, budget reallocations, budget modifications, and budget transfers to avoid employee layoffs or other negative personnel impacts.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council voted unanimously in favor of the Continuing Resolution with 20 in favor and none opposed. In accordance with the Navajo Nation Code, the President has 10 calendar days to consider the resolution.

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