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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 and Reenrollment of Spring John, Formerly Known as Spring Norris, as a Member of the Navajo Nation**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0044-25

**DATE:** April 9, 2025

**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 AND REENROLLMENT OF SPRING JOHN, FORMERLY KNOWN AS SPRING NORRIS, AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION**

**PURPOSE:** This proposed resolution will reinstate and reenroll Spring John, formerly known as Spring Norris, as a member of the Navajo Nation.

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Navajo Nation Council

**VOTING REQUIREMENT:** Simple Majority

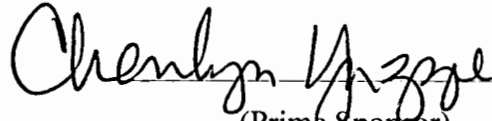
This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD:         
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Eligible for Action: 04/16/25

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

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
2 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2025

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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14 SPRING JOHN, FORMERLY KNOWN AS SPRING NORRIS,  
15 AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 20 A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C.  
21 §102(A).
- 22 B. A proposed resolution that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall  
23 be assigned to standing committee(s) having authority over the subject matter at issue  
24 and the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).
- 25 C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of  
26 the Navajo Nation Council and has legislative oversight over the Navajo Nation  
27 Office of Vital Records and Identification. 2 N.N.C. §400(A), §401(C)(2), and §1665.
- 28 D. Navajo Nation law provides, “[r]enunciation of membership” provides that [a]ny  
29 enrolled member of the Navajo Nation may renounce his [her] membership by written  
30 petition to the President of the Navajo Nation requesting that his [her] name be

1 stricken from the Navajo Nation roll. Such person may be reinstated in the Navajo  
2 Nation only by the vote of majority of the Navajo Nation Council. 1 N.N.C. §705.

3 E. In addition, Navajo Law provides, “[n]o person, otherwise eligible for membership  
4 in the Navajo Nation, may enroll as a member of the Navajo Nation, who, at the same  
5 time, is on the roll of any other tribe of Indians.” 1 N.N.C. §703.

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7 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

8 A. Pursuant to Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood issued by the Navajo Nation Office of  
9 Vital Records and Identification (formerly the Vital Records & Tribal Enrollment  
10 Program) on February 27, 2008, Spring John was enrolled with the Navajo Nation as  
11 Spring Norris. CIB is attached as **Exhibit A**.

12 B. Ms. John petitioned for relinquishment of her membership with the Navajo Nation on  
13 May 25, 2017, and such relinquishment was acknowledged by the President of the  
14 Navajo Nation on September 14, 2017. Relinquishment of Navajo Nation  
15 Membership is attached as **Exhibit B**.

16 C. Upon application, Ms. John became a member of the Tohono O’odham Nation on  
17 December 4, 2017. Application for Enrollment and Certificate of Final Approval is  
18 attached as **Exhibit C**.

19 D. The Tohono O’odham Nation approved Ms. John’s relinquishment from membership  
20 in the Tohono O’odham Nation on April 15, 2024. Resolution of the Tohono  
21 O’odham Legislative Council No. 24-096 is attached as **Exhibit D**.

22 E. Ms. John now requests reinstatement as a member of the Navajo Nation.

23 F. The Indian Wells Chapter has adopted Resolution #: IWC-25-24 in support of Ms.  
24 John’s reinstatement request. Resolution #: IWC-25-24 is attached as **Exhibit E**.

25 G. Ms. John is eligible for reinstatement pursuant to 1 N.N.C. §705.

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27 **SECTION THREE. REINSTATEMENT AND REENROLLMENT OF SPRING**  
28 **JOHN, FORMERLY KNOWN AS SPRING NORRIS, AS A MEMBER OF THE**  
29 **NAVAJO NATION**

1 The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms that Spring John, formerly enrolled with the  
2 Navajo Nation as Spring Norris, is reinstated and re-enrolled as a member of the Navajo  
3 Nation. Ms. John shall hereafter be entitled to all rights, benefits, and privileges  
4 associated with Navajo Nation membership.  
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