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2025 Summer Session Speaker's Report calls for unity, healing, and progress



The 2025 Summer Session Speaker's Report highlights the need for transparent consultations that honor treaty obligations with the federal government.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Monday, Speaker Crystalyne Curley welcomed leaders, dignitaries, and the Navajo people to the 2025 Summer Council Session, honoring tradition while encouraging continued unity and resilience.

In her written report to the Council, Speaker Curley acknowledged the many horseback riders who traveled from across the Nation, continuing the legacy of past leaders who journeyed to the Council Chamber on horseback, carrying the voices of their communities. She also recognized the participants of the Angels vs. Drunk Drivers Awareness Walk and reaffirmed the Council's commitment to preventing impaired driving and honoring those affected by such tragedies.

Throughout the opening session, the 25th Navajo Nation Council addressed the need for strong federal advocacy and policy defense. In her report, Speaker Curley outlined recent resolutions related to federal consultations, including opposition to school voucher programs that undermine tribal education, defense of Medicaid funding, and the protection of tribal sovereignty in environmental and healthcare matters.

Her report also highlighted ongoing concerns with the proposed Indian Health Service (IHS) realignment, emphasizing the need for transparent consultations that honor treaty obligations. Speaker Curley noted that the Council remains actively engaged in the federal

budget process, advocating for the preservation of higher education scholarships and other essential resources for Navajo students.

In continued efforts to protect Navajo communities, Speaker Curley underscored the Council's support for public safety initiatives and the work of the Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives (MMDR) Task Force. Progress continues on the development of a tribally housed missing persons database and the finalization of a Tribal Community Response Plan to guide families and agencies. Monthly educational sessions and coordination with key service providers remain central to outreach efforts.

As Speaker Curley emphasized, through shared values, respect for elders' teachings, and the power of both words and action, the Council remains focused on advancing meaningful solutions for the well-being and future of the Navajo Nation.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council voted eleven in favor and four opposed to accept all remaining reports as written, excluding those from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Services, and the Navajo Nation President's State of the Navajo Nation address, which was presented prior to the vote.

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