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**25th Navajo Nation Council confirms Michael Henderson as
Executive Director for Division of Public Safety**



The 25th Navajo Nation Council approved the confirmation of Michael Henderson as Executive Director for the Navajo Division of Public Safety.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Tuesday, the 25th Navajo Nation Council voted unanimously to confirm Michael Henderson as the Division Director of the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety. Legislation No. 0115-25, confirming Henderson's appointment, was sponsored by Council Delegate Cherilyn Yazzie.

Council Delegate Yazzie praised his confirmation, emphasizing his leadership and commitment to public safety. "I've had the opportunity to work closely with Mr. Henderson through the Diné Action Plan, where he serves as co-chair. He doesn't just carry a title — he shows up for our task groups, listens, and contributes. He's calm, collected, and steady. I believe it's the result of his years of experience, leadership under pressure, and his quiet dedication to our people," said Delegate Yazzie.

Director Henderson brings more than 30 years of experience in law enforcement and military service. Within the Navajo Police Department, he has served as a patrol officer, police sergeant, senior criminal investigator, supervisor of criminal investigations, police captain, and director of criminal investigations. He is also a retired First-Class Petty Officer of the U.S. Navy, having completed multiple tours during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Henderson holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Management and Administration from Walden University. He currently serves as chair of

the Diné Action Plan Committee and is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success.

Council Delegate Steven R. Arviso echoed that support, highlighting Henderson's active engagement with the Council's Law and Order Committee. "Director Henderson shows up ready, every time," said Delegate Arviso. "He puts the needs of his team and the safety of our people front and center. His perspective is rooted in experience, and his priorities are clear—supporting our first responders and protecting our communities."

Legislation No. 0115-25 passed with a unanimous vote of 20 in favor and none opposed. Henderson's confirmation marks a significant step toward strengthening the Nation's public safety infrastructure and operational capacity.

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