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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Overriding the Navajo Nation President's Veto of Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJY-25-25 (An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Rescinding CO-6-17 and Amending the Navajo Preference in Employment Act at 15 N.N.C. §§ 603 and 604(B)(8)

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0199-25

DATE: August 22, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; OVERRIDING THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT'S VETO OF NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION CJY-25-25 (AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND NABI'KÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; RESCINDING CO-60-17 AND AMENDING THE NAVAJO PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT ACT AT 15 N.N.C. §§ 603 AND 604(B)(8))

PURPOSE: This resolution will override the Navajo Nation's President Veto of Resolution No. CJY-25-25.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Navajo Nation Council

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 vote of the membership of the Navajo Nation Council

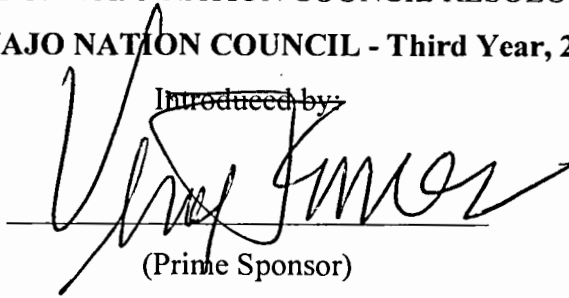
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Naabik'iyáti' Committee
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Third Year, 2025

Introduced by:


(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION
COUNCIL; OVERRIDING THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT'S VETO OF
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION CJY-25-25 (AN ACTION
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COUNCIL; RESCINDING CO-60-17 AND AMENDING THE NAVAJO
PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT ACT AT 15 N.N.C. §§ 603 AND 604(B)(8))

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation and enacts the statutory laws of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 102 and 164 (A).
- B. Resolutions enacting new law, or amending existing laws, are subject to veto by the President of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(10) and (11).
- C. The Navajo Nation Council has the authority to override a resolution vetoed by the Navajo Nation President through introduction of "veto legislation" requiring a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(11).

1 D. Veto legislation shall be submitted to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee before consideration
2 by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(17).
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4 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS.**

5 A. Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJY-25-25 was passed by the Navajo Nation
6 Council and certified on July 23, 2025. The resolution, attached as **EXHIBIT A**, is
7 titled, "AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN
8 SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND NAABIK'IYATTI' COMMITTEES AND THE
9 NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; RESCINDING CO-60-17 AND AMENDING THE
10 NAVAJO PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT ACT AT 15 N.N.C. §§ 603 AND
11 604(B)(8)[.]"

12 B. The Navajo Nation President vetoed Resolution CJY-25-25 on August 11, 2025, and
13 provided a memorandum, attached as **EXHIBIT B**, explaining his veto decision.

14 C. The Navajo Nation Council disagrees with the President's reasons for his veto decision.

15 D. Contrary to what is stated in the President's veto memorandum, passage of Resolution
16 CJY-25-25, is needed to ensure continuity of leadership of Navajo Nation departments.
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18 **SECTION THREE. OVERRIDING VETO**

19 The Navajo Nation Council hereby overrides the Navajo Nation President's veto of Resolution
20 CJY-25-25, attached as **EXHIBIT A**.
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22 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

23 The effective date of this veto override shall be as provided for in 2 N.N.C. § 221 (A) and (B).
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