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TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Overriding the Navajo Nation President's Veto of Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJY-19-25 (An Act Amending Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code to Move the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council from the Executive Branch to the Legislative Branch)

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0200-25

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 NO. CJY-19-25 (AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE TO MOVE THE NAVAJO NATION YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FROM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH)

PURPOSE: This resolution to override the Navajo Nation's President veto of Resolution CJY-19-25.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Navajo Nation Council

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

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: At Mike BA
Website Posting Time/Date: _____
Posting End Date: 08/27/25
Eligible for Action: 08/28/25

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-19-25 (AN ACT AMENDING
TITLE 2 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE TO MOVE THE NAVAJO NATION
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FROM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO THE
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH)

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

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2 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS.**

- 3 A. Council Resolution CJY-19-25 was passed by the Navajo Nation Council and certified
4 on July 22, 2025. The resolution, attached as **EXHIBIT 1**, is titled, "AN ACT
5 RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES
6 COMMITTEE, THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, THE NAABIK'IYATI'
7 COMMITTEE, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING TITLE 2 OF
8 THE NAVAJO NATION CODE, THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO
9 NATION YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL, FROM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO
10 THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH[.]"
- 11 B. The Navajo Nation President vetoed Resolution CJY-19-25 on August 11, 2025, and
12 provided a memorandum, attached as **EXHIBIT 2**, explaining his veto decision.
- 13 C. The Navajo Nation Council disagrees with the President's reasons for his veto decision.
- 14 D. Contrary to what is stated in the President's veto memorandum, passage of Resolution
15 CJY-19-25 will lead to better efficiency to accomplish the purposes of the Navajo
16 Nation Youth Advisory Council from the Executive Branch to the Legislative Branch
17 because of the resources and guidance that the Navajo Nation Council will be able to
18 provide to the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council.
- 19 E. In addition, Resolution CJY-19-25 provides direct access to the Navajo Nation Council
20 and to Council Delegates which will provide guidance and assistance to the Navajo
21 Nation Youth Advisory Council.
- 22 F. The Navajo Nation Council believes Resolution CJY-19-25 to empowers the youth of
23 the Navajo Nation.
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25 **SECTION THREE. OVERRIDING VETO**

26 The Navajo Nation Council hereby overrides the Navajo Nation President's veto of Resolution
27 CJY-19-25, attached as **EXHIBIT 1**.

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29 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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