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25th Navajo Nation Council votes to remove Attorney General Heather Clah



Council Delegate Rickie Nez sponsored Legislation 0182-25.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Today, the Navajo Nation Council passed Legislation No. 0182-25, removing Heather L. Clah, Esq., from her position as Navajo Nation Attorney General, by a vote of 11 in favor and one opposed.

The emergency legislation, sponsored by Council Delegate Rickie Nez, cites the Council's authority under 2 N.N.C. § 1962(B), which allows for the removal of the Attorney General with or without cause by action of the Navajo Nation Council.

Speaker Crystalyne Curley underscored the procedural and legal basis for the action. "The Council has acted within its full legal authority," said Speaker Curley. "This was a necessary step to ensure our executive legal functions align with the best interests of the Nation."

The legislation notes that there currently isn't a confirmed Deputy Attorney General to assume the duties of the office. As prescribed by law, the appointment of a new Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General must be recommended by the Navajo Nation President and confirmed by the Navajo Nation Council.

This action takes effect immediately in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 221(C). The 25th Navajo Nation Council will work in close coordination with the Office of the President and Vice President to ensure the position is filled in a timely and transparent manner.

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