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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council; Overriding the Navajo Nation President's Veto of Navajo Nation Council Resolution No. CO-52-25 (Amending Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code to Codify Virtual Attendance by Council Delegates at Standing Committee Meetings and Navajo Nation Council Sessions; Amending the Navajo Nation Council Rules of Order and Standing Committee Rules of Order to Allow for Virtual Attendance by Council Delegates)**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0008-26

**DATE:** January 14, 2026

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; OVERRIDING THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT'S VETO OF NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. CO-52-25 (AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE TO CODIFY VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE BY COUNCIL DELEGATES AT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL SESSIONS; AMENDING THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER AND STANDING COMMITTEE RULES OF ORDER TO ALLOW FOR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE BY COUNCIL DELEGATES)

**PURPOSE:** This proposed resolution, if approved, is to override President Buu Nygren's veto of Resolution No. CO-52-25

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Navajo Nation Council

**VOTE REQUIREMENT:** 2/3 Vote of the Navajo Nation Council

**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review the proposed resolution in detail.**

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1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL — Fourth Year, 2026

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PRESIDENT'S VETO OF NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. CO-  
52-25 (AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE TO CODIFY  
VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE BY COUNCIL DELEGATES AT STANDING  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL SESSIONS;  
AMENDING THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER AND  
STANDING COMMITTEE RULES OF ORDER TO ALLOW FOR VIRTUAL  
ATTENDANCE BY COUNCIL DELEGATES)**

**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).

1 C. The Navajo Nation Council has the authority to override a resolution vetoed by the  
2 Navajo Nation President through introduction of "veto legislation" requiring a two-  
3 thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)  
4 (11).

5 D. Veto legislation shall be submitted to the Law and Order and the Naabik'iyati' Committee  
6 before consideration by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(17).

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9 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

10 A. Council Resolution No. CO-52-25 was passed by the Navajo Nation Council and  
11 certified on October 21, 2025. The resolution, attached as **EXHIBIT 1**, is entitled,  
12 "AN ACT RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING TITLE  
13 2 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE TO CODIFY VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE BY COUNCIL DELEGATES AT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND  
14 NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL SESSIONS; AMENDING THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER AND STANDING COMMITTEE RULES OF ORDER TO ALLOW FOR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE BY COUNCIL DELEGATES".

15 B. The Navajo Nation President vetoed Resolution No. CO-52-25 on November 9, 2025, and provided a memorandum, attached as **EXHIBIT 2**, explaining his veto decision. The Navajo Nation Council does not agree with the President's reasons for his veto decision.

16 C. Contrary to what is stated in the President's veto memorandum, passage of  
17 Resolution No. CO-52-25 will ensure that the Navajo Nation's governing body continues to operate and respond in instances where obstacles hinder in-person attendance, including but not limited to, public health emergencies, unavailability of travel budget funds, or other events that may threaten the operations of the  
18 Navajo Nation Council.

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1       D. During the COVID-19 shutdown, Council Delegates were introduced to and provided  
2       a unique opportunity to expand the ways in which to conduct business through virtual  
3       meetings to continue the necessary and important work of the Navajo Nation while  
4       ensuring the health, safety, and general welfare of the public.

5       E. Following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, the Council, standing committees, and  
6       subcommittees moved to hybrid-style meetings, allowing in-person or virtual  
7       attendance by delegates, presenters, government officials, and the public while  
8       mitigating the risk of contracting and/or spreading communicable diseases that threaten  
9       the public health of the Navajo Nation.

10      F. The use of virtual meetings is not only effective, but it also provides more opportunities  
11      for Delegates to be present and advocate for their communities at Council and Standing  
12      Committees, as well as to provide enhanced transparency to the public.

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14      **SECTION THREE. OVERRIDING VETO**

15      The Navajo Nation hereby overrides the Navajo Nation President's veto of Resolution CO-  
16      52-25.

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18      **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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