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TITLE: An Act Relating to the Law and Order Committee and the Naabik'iyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Navajo Nation Code Title 2 § 1152 Such that the Navajo Nation Washington Office Director Shall Serve at the Pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0028-26

DATE: January 21, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING NAVAJO NATION CODE TITLE 2 § 1152 SUCH THAT THE NAVAJO NATION WASHINGTON OFFICE DIRECTOR SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

PURPOSE: The purpose of this proposed resolution is to have the Navajo Nation Washington Office Executive serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Navajo Nation Council

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 vote

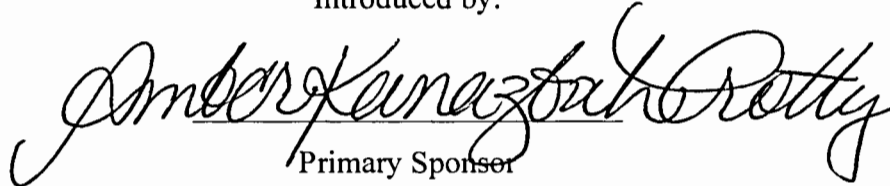
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Law & Order Committee
Thence
Naabik'íyáti' Committee
Thence
Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year, 2026

Introduced by:


Primary Sponsor

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'
COMMITTEE, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING NAVAJO
NATION CODE TITLE 2 § 1152 SUCH THAT THE NAVAJO NATION
WASHINGTON OFFICE DIRECTOR SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Law and Order Committee (LOC) as a Navajo Nation standing committee and as such empowered LOC to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed Navajo Nation Code amendments and enactments. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9), § 600(A), § 601(B)(14).
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a Standing Committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the responsibility to review legislation requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164(A)(9) and 701(A)(3).
- C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 1 A. The Navajo Nation Washington Office (“NNWO”) was established within the
2 Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government as an intergovernmental
3 relations office. 2 N.N.C. § 1150.
- 4 B. The Navajo Nation is a sovereign government responsible for providing critical
5 government services to its people.
- 6 C. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1152, the NNWO’s Director currently works at the pleasure
7 of the Navajo Nation President.
- 8 D. The Navajo Nation Council enacts public policy resolutions that are to communicated
9 to the federal government by the Navajo Nation Washington Office. By amending 2
10 N.N.C. § 1152 such that the Navajo Nation Washington Office Director serves at the
11 pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council, the Navajo Nation Council will have a closer
12 relationship with the Director to monitor the implementation of the various Navajo
13 Nation Council policy resolutions.

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15 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 1152**

- 16 A. The Navajo Nation Council hereby amends 2 N.N.C. § 1152 as set forth below:

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18 **§ 1152. Personnel**

- 19 B. The Director shall be appointed by the President of the Navajo Nation subject
20 to confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council; to serve at a negotiated salary
21 and at the pleasure of the ~~President of the Navajo Nation~~ Council.
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23 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

24 This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §221(B).

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26 **SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

27 If any provision of this Action is determined invalid by the Supreme Court of the Navajo
28 Nation, or by a Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo Nation
29 Supreme Court, the remainder of this Action shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.

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