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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Overriding the Navajo Nation President's Veto of Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJA-09-26**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

**Tracking No.** 0041-26

**DATE:** February 20, 2026

**AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; OVERRIDING THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT'S VETO OF NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION CJA-09-26**

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, would override the Navajo Nation President's veto of Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJA-09-26.

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Navajo Nation Council

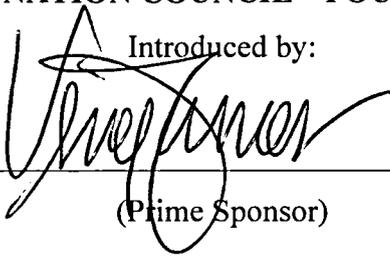
**VOTE REQUIRED:** 2/3 vote of the Navajo Nation Council

**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.**

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Naabik'iyáti' Committee  
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Navajo Nation Council

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
2 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – FOURTH YEAR, 2026

3 Introduced by:  
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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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13 NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION CJA-09-26

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15 BE IT ENACTED:

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17 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 18 A. All proposed resolutions enacting new laws or amending existing law are subject to  
19 veto by the President of the Navajo Nation pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(10) and  
20 (11) and override by the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(17).  
21 B. The Navajo Nation President shall have the power to veto legislation passed by the  
22 Navajo Nation Council subject to an override of the veto by two-thirds (2/3) vote of  
23 the membership of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(11).  
24 C. A vetoed resolution shall be first submitted to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee before  
25 consideration by the Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(17).  
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27 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS.

- 28 A. Council Resolution CJA-09-26 was passed, by a vote of 20 in favor and 0 opposed,  
29 by the Navajo Nation Council and certified on February 9, 2026. The resolution is  
30 entitled, "AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND

1 HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES  
2 AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING THE NAVAJO NATION  
3 CODE, TITLE 10, CHAPTER 1, SUBCHAPTER 2, SECTION 106, TO REDUCE  
4 THE NUMBER OF NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS,"  
5 attached as **Exhibit A**.

6 B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(11), the Navajo Nation President provided a letter on  
7 February 19, 2026, explaining his veto decision, attached as **Exhibit B**.

8 C. The Navajo Nation Council believes Resolution CJA-09-26 was enacted in  
9 accordance with the laws and procedures governing the Navajo Nation and finds the  
10 reasons stated for the presidential veto do not outweigh the legislative intent,  
11 necessity and public purpose of the resolution; therefore, the Navajo Nation Council  
12 determines it is in the best interests of the Navajo Nation to override the veto.  
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### 14 **SECTION THREE. OVERRIDING VETO**

15 The Navajo Nation Council hereby overrides the Navajo Nation President's veto of  
16 Resolution CJA-09-26.  
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### 18 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

19 The override shall be effective upon certification of the Speaker of the Navajo Nation  
20 Council, as provided for in 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(17) and 221 (A) and (B).  
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