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TITLE: 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.CJA-07-26

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0042-26

DATE: February 20, 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. CJA-07-26

PURPOSE: This proposed resolution, if approved, is to override Navajo Nation President's veto of Resolution No. CJA-07-26

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.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: Al Millett
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1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL — Fourth Year, 2026

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14 PRESIDENT'S VETO OF NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
15 RESOLUTION NO. CJA-07-26

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

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

- 2 A. Council Resolution No. CJA-07-26 was passed, by a vote of 18 in favor and 2
3 opposed, by the Navajo Nation Council and certified on February 9, 2026. The
4 resolution is entitled, “AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER
5 COMMITTEE, NAABIK’ÍYÁTI’ COMMITTEE, AND THE NAVAJO NATION
6 COUNCIL; AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE TO
7 AMEND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
8 AND VICE-PRESIDENT,” attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 9 B. The Navajo Nation President vetoed Resolution No. CJA-07-26 on February 19,
10 2026, and provided a letter explaining his veto decision, attached as **Exhibit B**.
- 11 C. The Navajo Nation Council believes Resolution CJA-07-26 was enacted in
12 accordance with the laws and procedures governing the Navajo Nation and finds
13 the reasons stated for the presidential veto do not outweigh the legislative intent,
14 necessity and public purpose of the resolution; therefore, the Navajo Nation
15 Council determines it is in the best interests of the Navajo Nation to override the
16 veto.

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18 **SECTION THREE. OVERRIDING VETO**

19 The Navajo Nation Council hereby overrides the Navajo Nation President's veto of
20 Resolution CJA-07-26.

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22 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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