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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0051-26

DATE: March 5, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NAVAJO NATION ADVISORY YOUTH COUNCIL

PURPOSE: This legislation will confirm the appointment of the 12 individuals to serve on the Navajo Youth Advisory Council.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Naabik'íyáti Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority

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

Introduced by:



(Prime Sponsor)

Tracking No. 0051-26

AN ACTION
RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPOINTING MEMBERS TO
THE NAVAJO NATION YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council serves as the oversight committee for the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council and shall confirm the twelve (12) members of the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 892(C) and 896.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council ("Youth Advisory Council") as a Navajo Nation government entity within the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 890. *See* CJY-19-25. *See also* CS-40-25.

B. The Youth Advisory Council consists of 12 members who must be enrolled members of the Navajo Nation and must be 14 to 24 years old. Two members shall be appointed from each of the 5 Navajo Nation Agencies and two "at large" members shall be appointed by the Speaker. 2 N.N.C. § 892(B).

1 C. Each of the 12 members shall be confirmed by the Naabik'íyáti Committee. 2 N.N.C.
2 § 892(C).

3 D. Membership terms shall be for two (2) years beginning upon confirmation by the
4 Naabik'íyáti Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 892(D).

5 E. Navajo youth interested in serving on the Youth Advisory Council submitted a 2-
6 minute video, a letter of interest, and three (3) short answer essays to the Office of the
7 Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council. Based on those submissions, the Speaker of the
8 Navajo Nation has appointed the following individuals to serve on the Navajo Youth
9 Advisory Council:

10 Central Navajo Agency

- 11 1. Vydell Willie (see Appointment Letter attached as **Exhibit A**)
- 12 2. Aryiah James (see Appointment Letter attached as **Exhibit B**)

13 Fort Defiance Navajo Agency

- 14 1. Starr Joe (see Appointment Letter attached as **Exhibit C**)
- 15 2. Makyle Dan (see Appointment Letter attached as **Exhibit D**)

16 Northern Navajo Agency

- 17 1. Daelyn Benally (see Appointment Letter attached as **Exhibit E**)
- 18 2. Tewakeedah Martin (see Appointment Letter attached as **Exhibit F**)

19 Western Navajo Agency

- 20 1. Yanabah Smith (see Appointment Letter attached as **Exhibit G**)
- 21 2. Kaya Dickson (see Appointment Letter attached as **Exhibit H**)

22 Eastern Navajo Agency

- 23 1. Nikko Yazzie (see Appointment Letter attached as **Exhibit I**)
- 24 2. Kendri Kinlacheeny (see Appointment Letter attached as **Exhibit J**)

25 At Large Members

- 26 1. Kaylee Bahe (see Appointment Letter attached as **Exhibit K**)
- 27 2. Louvannina Tsosie (see Appointment Letter attached as **Exhibit L**)

28 F. The appointed individuals are enrolled members of the Navajo Nation and are between
29 the ages of 14 to 24 years old.

1 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION**

2 A. The Naabik'iyáti Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the
3 appointment of the following individuals to serve on the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory
4 Council:

5 Central Navajo Agency

- 6 1. Vydell Willie
7 2. Aryiah James

8 Fort Defiance Navajo Agency

- 9 1. Starr Joe
10 2. Makyle Dan

11 Northern Navajo Agency

- 12 1. Daelyn Benally
13 2. Tewakeedah Martin

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- 18 1. Nikko Yazzie
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- 21 1. Kaylee Bahe
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23 B. The terms of service shall be two (2) years beginning upon confirmation by the
24 Naabik'iyáti Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 892(D).