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**TITLE: An Action Relating to an Emergency for the Navajo Nation Council:  
Amending Council Resolution CMA-17-26, To Revise Legislative Areas 17 and 19  
within the Northern Navajo Agency**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0054-26

**DATE:** March 19, 2026

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY FOR THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING COUNCIL RESOLUTION CMA-17-26, TO REVISE LEGISLATIVE AREAS 17 AND 19 WITHIN THE NORTHERN NAVAJO AGENCY**

**PURPOSE:** This proposed resolution, if adopted, will revise Plan 5A of the 2025 Navajo Nation Council Reapportionment Plan.

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Navajo Nation Council

**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.**

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

Introduced by:

  
(Prime Sponsor)

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**AN ACTION**  
**RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY FOR THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;**  
**AMENDING COUNCIL RESOLUTION CMA-17-26, TO REVISE LEGISLATIVE**  
**AREAS 17 AND 19 WITHIN THE NORTHERN NAVAJO AGENCY**

BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A). As such, the Council may consider proposed action regarding an emergency matter. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) (16).
- B. “[M]atters constituting an emergency shall be limited to the cessation of law enforcement services, and disaster relief services, fire protection services or other direct services required as an entitlement under Navajo Nation or Federal law, or which directly threaten the sovereignty of the Navajo Nation. Such an emergency matter must arise due to the pressing public need for such resolution(s) and must be a matter requiring final action by the Council.” 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) (16).
- C. Immediate action is required to ensure proper administration of the upcoming Navajo Nation Election as a delay in adopting this amendment may interfere with the implementation of the Navajo Nation’s Reapportionment Plan and the orderly

1           conduct of elections, which could undermine the Navajo Nation’s sovereign authority  
2           to regulate its own electoral processes.  
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4           **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 5           A. On March 5, 2026, the Navajo Nation Council approved the Navajo Nation Council  
6           Reapportionment Plan through Resolution No. CMA-17-26, attached as **Exhibit A**,  
7           that adopted Plan 5A as the official district map.
- 8           B. The approved reapportionment plan establishes district boundaries for representation  
9           of the Navajo Nation Council across the agencies of the Navajo Nation.
- 10          C. Current review by Northern Navajo Agency Council Delegates have identified the  
11          need to correct the placement of Newcomb and Gadiiahi Chapters within Legislative  
12          Areas 17 and 19.
- 13          D. The upcoming Navajo Nation Election is quickly approaching, and the Navajo  
14          Election Administration must finalize legislative district boundaries in order to  
15          administer candidate filings, voter assignments, and election administration.
- 16          E. The Navajo Nation Council finds that correcting Legislative Areas 17 and 19 is  
17          necessary to ensure proper implementation of the 2025 Navajo Nation Council  
18          Reapportionment Plan.

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20           **SECTION THREE. AMENDING THE 2025 NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**  
21           **REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN**

22           The Navajo Nation hereby amends Resolution CMA-17-26 to revise the approved  
23           reapportionment plan, Plan 5A, as follows:

- 24                   1. To exclude Gadiiahi Chapter from Legislative Area 19 and include it instead  
25                   in Legislative Area 17; and
- 26                   2. To exclude Newcomb Chapter from Legislative Area 17 and include it instead  
27                   in Legislative Area 19.
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1 **SECTION FOUR. IMPLEMENTATION**

2 The Navajo Board of Election Supervisors shall update the approved reapportionment map  
3 to reflect the amendment adopted herein.  
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5 **SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE**

6 This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §221(B) and 2 N.N.C.  
7 §164(A)(17).  
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