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LEGISLATION NO: _0073-26_

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TITLE: An Act Relating to the Law and Order, Resources and Development and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Name Change of the Oak Spring Chapter to Oak/Pine Springs Chapter; Amending 11 N.N.C. § 10 (A)

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0073-26

DATE: April 8, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE NAME CHANGE OF THE OAK SPRINGS CHAPTER TO OAK/PINE SPRINGS CHAPTER; AMENDING 11 N.N.C. § 10 (A)

PURPOSE: This proposed resolution, if adopted, will change the name of the Oak Springs Chapter to the Oak/Pine Springs Chapter and enact a name change for the chapter in Title 11 of the Navajo Nation Code.

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.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD:
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Law & Order Committee
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Resources & Development Committee
Thence
Naabik'iyáti' Committee
Thence
Navajo Nation Council

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

Introduced by:


(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACT
RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT
AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;
APPROVING THE NAME CHANGE OF THE OAK SPRINGS CHAPTER TO
OAK/PINE SPRINGS CHAPTER; AMENDING 11 N.N.C. § 10 (A)

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the power to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to and enactments in the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600(A) and 601(B)(14).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the power to grant final approval for resolutions to develop and improve local government units. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500(A) and 501(B)(2)(c).
- C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to hear proposed resolutions that require final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).
- D. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).

1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2 A. Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code establishes the governance structure for Navajo
- 3 Nation Chapters.
- 4 B. Title 26 further recognizes the certification of Navajo Nation Chapters and references
- 5 11 N.N.C. § 10, that contains the official listing of all certified chapters of the Navajo
- 6 Nation.
- 7 C. The Oak Springs Chapter has submitted Resolution OSC-111925-017, requesting the
- 8 official name of the Chapter be changed to include the Pine Springs community
- 9 whose residents regularly participate in and receive services from the Oak Springs
- 10 Chapter.
- 11 D. The Oak Springs Chapter resolution requesting the name change is attached as
- 12 **EXHIBIT A.**

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14 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING A CHANGE OF NAME FROM OAK SPRINGS**
15 **CHAPTER TO OAK/PINE SPRINGS CHAPTER**

16 The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Change of Name from Oak Springs Chapter to
17 Oak/Pine Springs Chapter.

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19 **SECTION FOUR. AMENDING TITLE 11 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE**

20 The Navajo Nation hereby amends Title 11 of the Navajo Nation Code, as follows:

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22 **Title 11. Elections**

23 **Chapter 1. Navajo Election Code of 1990**

24 **Subchapter 1. General Provisions**

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26 **§ 10. Election precincts; polling places; delegates**

27 A. The election precincts, polling places and delegates for each election community are
28 designated as follows:

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30 Oak/Pine Springs/St. Michaels 594/5499 3 delegates

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4 **SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE**

5 The amendments enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).

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7 **SECTION SIX. CODIFICATION**

8 The provisions of these amendments of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the
9 Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such
10 amendments in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

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12 **SECTION SEVEN. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

13 Should any provision of these amendments be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation
14 Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo
15 Nation Supreme Court, those amendments that are not determined invalid shall remain
16 the law of the Nation.

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