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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Reinstatement and Reenrollment of Paige Preston, as a Member of the Navajo Nation

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0096-26

DATE: May 4, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT AND REENROLLMENT OF PAIGE PRESTON, AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

PURPOSE: This proposed resolution, if approved, would reinstate Paige Preston as a member of the Navajo Nation.

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.

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Navajo Nation Council

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2026

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)



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13 NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT AND
14 REENROLLMENT OF PAIGE PRESTON, AS A MEMBER OF THE
15 NAVAJO NATION

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 20 A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C.
21 §102(A).
- 22 B. A proposed resolution that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall
23 be assigned to standing committee(s) having authority over the subject matter at
24 issue and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).
- 25 C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of
26 the Navajo Nation Council and has legislative oversight over the Navajo Nation
27 Office of Vital Records and Identification. 2 N.N.C. §400(A), §401(C)(2), and
28 §1665.
- 29 D. Navajo Nation law provides, “[r]enunciation of membership” provides that [a]ny
30 enrolled member of the Navajo Nation may renounce his [her] membership by

1 written petition to the President of the Navajo Nation requesting that his [her] name
2 be stricken from the Navajo Nation roll. Such person may be reinstated in the
3 Navajo Nation only by the vote of majority of the Navajo Nation Council. 1 N.N.C.
4 §705.

- 5 E. In addition, Navajo Law provides, “[n]o person, otherwise eligible for membership
6 in the Navajo Nation, may enroll as a member of the Navajo Nation, who, at the
7 same time, is on the roll of any other tribe of Indians.” 1 N.N.C. §703.

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9 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 10 A. Pursuant to Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood (“CIB”) issued by the Navajo
11 Nation Office of Vital Records and Identification (formerly the Vital Records &
12 Tribal Enrollment Program) on June 14, 2013, Paige Preston was previously
13 enrolled with the Navajo Nation, “being of ¼ Degree Navajo Indian Blood.” The
14 CIB containing the official census number is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 15 B. Paige Preston relinquished membership with the Navajo Nation. She sought to
16 enroll with the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe; however, she did not complete her
17 San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe application. Paige Preston now seeks to re-enroll
18 with the Navajo Nation. The “VERIFICATION OF NON-ENROLLMENT”, dated
19 April 21, 2025, confirms Ms. Paige Preston “is **not** an enrolled member nor has a
20 pending enrollment application”. The verification of non-enrollment is attached as
21 **Exhibit B**.
- 22 C. The “VERIFICATION OF NON-ENROLLMENT” from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe
23 Enrollment Department, dated September 20, 2011, confirms Ms. Paige Preston is
24 not an enrolled member of the tribe and is attached as **Exhibit C**.
- 25 D. Ms. Paige Preston requests reinstatement as a member of the Navajo Nation and is
26 eligible for reinstatement because she is of ¼ Degree Navajo and is not on the roll
27 of any other tribe pursuant to 1 N.N.C. §703. Ms. Preston may only be reinstated
28 by a majority vote of the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 1 N.N.C. §705.
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1 **SECTION THREE. REINSTATEMENT AND REENROLLMENT OF PAIGE**
2 **PRESTON AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION**

3 The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms that Paige Preston is reinstated and re-
4 enrolled as a member of the Navajo Nation. Ms. Preston shall hereafter be entitled to all
5 rights, benefits, and privileges associated with Navajo Nation membership.

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