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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Expressing No Confidence in the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director Bobbie Ann Baldwin and Recommending Immediate Removal of the Executive Director Bobbie Ann Baldwin by the Office of the President and Vice President

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0127-26

DATE: June 22, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; EXPRESSING NO CONFIDENCE IN THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BOBBIE ANN BALDWIN AND RECOMMENDING IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BOBBIE ANN BALDWIN BY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

PURPOSE: This legislation, if approved, would formally express the Navajo Nation Council's no confidence in the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director Bobbie Ann Baldwin and the recommendation for the removal of Executive Director Bobbie Ann Baldwin by the Office of the President and Vice President in order to restore accountability, effective leadership, and trust in the delivery of services to Navajo veterans.

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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Health Education & Human Services Committee

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Naabik'iyáti' Committee

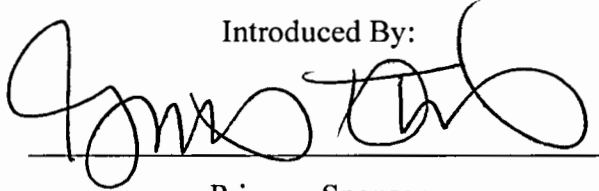
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Fourth Year, 2026

Introduced By:



Primary Sponsor

Tracking No. 0127-26

AN ACTION

**RELATING TO THE HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION
COUNCIL; EXPRESSING NO CONFIDENCE IN THE NAVAJO NATION
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BOBBIE
ANN BALDWIN AND RECOMMENDING IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BOBBIE ANN BALDWIN BY THE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the purpose of promulgating regulations, promoting accountability to policies, and providing legislative oversight on matters involving health, social service, education, and general governmental services and human services and veteran services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), (C)(1) and (C)(3), 401(B)(6)(A), and 401(C)(6).
- B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the authority to hear all proposed resolutions that require final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9) and 700(A).

1 C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation and is
2 vested with the authority to enact laws, resolutions, and formal expressions of
3 policy on behalf of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 102(A) and 164(A).
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5 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

6 A. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (“NNVA”) was established to
7 advocate for Navajo veterans and to ensure that veterans and their families receive
8 meaningful access to benefits, services, programs, and resources earned through
9 military service to the United States of America.

10 B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee last approved amendments
11 to the NNVA Plan of Operation through Resolution No. HEHSCN-16-20 on
12 November 9, 2020, upon recommendation of the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory
13 Council (“NNVAC”). The amended Plan of Operation is attached hereto as **Exhibit**
14 **A**.

15 C. Pursuant to Section V(A) of the NNVA Plan of Operation, the Executive Director
16 of the NNVA shall be selected by the President of the Navajo Nation, in
17 consultation with the NNVAC, and retained by contract for a term of six (6) years.

18 D. On January 25, 2023, President Buu Nygren of the Navajo Nation announced,
19 through a press release attached as **Exhibit B**, the appointment of Bobbie Ann
20 Baldwin to serve as Executive Director of the NNVA.

21 E. Unlike most executive director positions within the Executive Branch that require
22 confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council, the Executive Director of the NNVA
23 serves under a contractual arrangement. Notwithstanding this distinction, the
24 Navajo Nation Council retains legislative oversight and the authority and
25 responsibility to respond when Navajo veterans raise serious concerns regarding
26 the leadership of an entity created to serve them.

27 F. Pursuant to Section VI of the NNVA Plan of Operation, the Executive Director is
28 responsible for managing NNVA operations, ensuring accountability, administering
29 veterans assistance programs, identifying funding opportunities, reporting to the
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1 Navajo Nation government, and ensuring that Navajo veterans receive effective
2 services and support.

3 G. Navajo Veterans Organizations from communities across the Navajo Nation have
4 formally adopted Resolutions expressing no confidence in the current Executive
5 Director of the NNVA and calling for Executive Director Bobbie Ann Baldwin's
6 removal. These Resolutions include Eastern Navajo Veterans Organization
7 Resolution No. BVO-2025-003, Northern Navajo Veterans Organization
8 Resolution No. NNVO-MAY-08-002, Becenti Chapter Veterans Organization
9 Resolution No. BCVOAPR2025-04, Crownpoint Chapter Veterans Organization
10 Resolution No. CCVO-25-04-001, Casamero Lake Chapter Veterans Organization
11 Resolution No. 001-25, Chichiltah Chapter Veterans Organization Resolution No.
12 05-04-25, Church Rock Chapter Veterans Organization Resolution No. 10-25,
13 Huerfano Chapter Veterans Organization Resolution No. HVO-25, Iyanbito
14 Chapter Veterans Service Organization Resolution No. IVO-025-003, Little Water
15 Chapter Veterans Service Organization Resolution No. LITTVET-04-25-001,
16 Manuelito Chapter Veterans Service Organization Resolution No. 04-11-25-A,
17 Nageezi Chapter Veterans Organization Resolution No. F4-4-25, Torreon Chapter
18 Veterans Organization Resolution No. 001-25, Red Rock Chapter Veterans
19 Organization Resolution No. RRCVO-25-04-07, Smith Lake Chapter Veterans
20 Organization Resolution No. SLCVO-06-2025-001, Tsayatoh Chapter Veterans
21 Organization Resolution No. 5-12-25, Thoreau Chapter Veterans Organization
22 Resolution No. TCVO-25-025, Tse'ii'ahi Chapter Veterans Service Organization,
23 To'Hajiilee Chapter Veterans Organization Resolution No. TNVO-25-002,
24 Whitehorse Lake Chapter Veterans Organization Resolution No. WHL-04-25-008,
25 and White Rock Chapter Veterans Organization Resolution No. 001-25, all
26 attached as **Exhibit C**.

27 H. The Navajo Nation has long recognized the sacrifices made by Navajo veterans
28 who have honorably served in the United States Armed Forces and has consistently
29 affirmed the Navajo Nation's responsibility to ensure that Navajo veterans receive
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1 the respect, advocacy, and services they have earned through their service and
2 sacrifice.

3 I. The Navajo Nation Council finds it deeply concerning and disappointing that so
4 many Navajo Veterans Organizations across the Navajo Nation have formally
5 expressed dissatisfaction with the leadership of the NNVA and have concluded that
6 Executive Director Bobbie Ann Baldwin no longer has their confidence.

7 J. The widespread loss of confidence expressed by veterans organizations throughout
8 the Navajo Nation demonstrates a serious failure in leadership and has undermined
9 trust in the NNVA's ability to effectively serve Navajo veterans.

10 K. The Navajo Nation Council finds that continued leadership under Executive
11 Director Bobbie Ann Baldwin, who no longer maintains the confidence of the
12 veterans community, is a detriment to Navajo veterans and the Navajo Nation.

13 L. Immediate corrective action is necessary to restore trust, accountability, and
14 effective leadership within the NNVA.

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16 **SECTION THREE. EXPRESSING NO CONFIDENCE IN NAVAJO NATION**
17 **VETERANS ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BOBBIE ANN**
18 **BALDWIN AND RECOMMENDING THE REMOVAL OF BOBBIE ANN**
19 **BALDWIN AS THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**
20 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

21 A. The Navajo Nation Council hereby formally expresses no confidence in Bobbie
22 Ann Baldwin as Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration.

23 B. The Navajo Nation Council hereby recommends the immediate removal of Bobbie
24 Ann Baldwin as Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration
25 by the Office of the President and Vice President consistent with the Navajo Nation
26 Veterans Administration Plan of Operation and applicable contractual obligations.