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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Supporting the Northern Navajo Veterans' Organization Request to the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to Prioritize Utility Hookups for Veteran Housing Projects

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0163-26

DATE: June 30, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; SUPPORTING THE NORTHERN NAVAJO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION REQUEST TO THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY TO PRIORITIZE UTILITY HOOKUPS FOR VETERAN HOUSING PROJECTS

PURPOSE: This legislation, if approved, would formally express support for the Northern Navajo Veterans Organization request to the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to prioritize utility connections for completed or near-complete veteran housing projects.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Health, Education and Human Services Committee

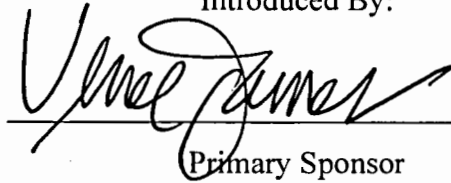
VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority

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

Introduced By:


Primary Sponsor

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AN ACTION
RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING THE NORTHERN NAVAJO VETERANS'
ORGANIZATION REQUEST TO THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY
AUTHORITY TO PRIORITIZE UTILITY HOOKUPS FOR VETERAN
HOUSING PROJECTS

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).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Navajo Nation recognizes and honors the service and sacrifice of Navajo veterans, including those who served in the United States Armed Forces and

1 returned home to the Navajo Nation with a continuing need for safe, habitable, and
2 reliable housing.

3 B. The Navajo Nation has supported veterans housing projects through the Navajo
4 Nation Veterans Housing Program and Fiscal Recovery Fund/ARPA-related
5 funding to address longstanding housing needs among Navajo veterans throughout
6 the five agencies of the Navajo Nation.

7 C. Completed veterans housing projects are intended to provide immediate housing
8 relief to Navajo veterans and their families; however, concerns have been raised
9 that some completed homes remain unoccupied because utility hookups and
10 connections have not been completed in a timely manner.

11 D. Delays in utility connections, including electric, water, wastewater, and other
12 necessary utility services, may prevent Navajo veterans and their families from
13 moving into completed homes, thereby delaying the intended benefit of housing
14 funds already expended for veterans housing projects.

15 E. The Northern Navajo Veterans Organization passed Resolution No. NNVO-MAY-
16 08-001, titled "A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN NAVAJO VETERANS'
17 ORGANIZATION REQUESTING THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY
18 AUTHORITY TO PRIORITIZE UTILITY HOOKUPS FOR VETERANS
19 HOUSING PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE FIVE AGENCIES OF THE
20 NAVAJO NATION," attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which requests that the Navajo
21 Tribal Utility Authority prioritize utility hookups for veterans housing projects.

22 F. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recognizes that veterans
23 housing projects serve a critical public purpose and that delays in utility hookups
24 directly affect the health, safety, welfare, and dignity of Navajo veterans and their
25 families.

26 G. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee further finds that
27 prioritizing utility hookups for completed or near-completed veterans housing
28 projects will help ensure that Navajo veterans are able to occupy their homes
29 without unnecessary delay.
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1 **SECTION THREE. SUPPORTING THE NORTHERN NAVAJO VETERANS'**
2 **ORGANIZATION REQUEST TO THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY**
3 **AUTHORITY TO PRIORITIZE UTILITY HOOKUPS FOR VETERAN**
4 **HOUSING PROJECTS**

5 The Health, Education and Human Services Committee supports the request of the
6 Northern Navajo Veterans Organization, as set forth in **Exhibit A**, and urges the Navajo
7 Tribal Utility Authority to coordinate with the appropriate Navajo Nation programs,
8 agencies, chapters, and veterans organizations to prioritize utility connections for
9 veterans housing projects throughout the five agencies of the Navajo Nation.