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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Reinstatement and Reenrollment of Jaylene Adakai Sanchez, Formerly Known as Jaylene Adakai, as a Member of the Navajo Nation

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0187-26

DATE: July 29, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT AND REENROLLMENT OF JAYLENE ADAKAI SANCHEZ, FORMERLY KNOWN AS JAYLENE ADAKAI, AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

PURPOSE: This proposed resolution, if approved, would reinstate Jaylene Adakai Sanchez 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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Naabik'iyati' Committee
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2026

Introduced By:

N-M-B-I

(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION

**RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT
AND REENROLLMENT OF JAYLENE ADAKAI SANCHEZ,
FORMERLY KNOWN AS JAYLENE ADAKAI, AS A MEMBER OF
THE NAVAJO NATION**

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Naabik'iyati' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the authority to hear proposed resolutions requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2. N.N.C. §§164 (A)(9), 700 (A) and 701 (A)(3).
- B. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102 (A).
- C. Navajo Nation law provides, “[r]enunciation of membership” provides that [a]ny enrolled member of the Navajo Nation may renounce his [her] membership by written petition to the President of the Navajo Nation requesting that his [her] name be stricken from the Navajo Nation roll. Such person may be reinstated in the Navajo Nation only by the vote of majority of the Navajo Nation Council. 1 N.N.C. § 705.

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

6 A. Jaylene Adakai Sanchez, formerly Jaylene Adakai, was previously enrolled with
7 the Navajo Nation with an assigned Navajo Nation Census Number.

8 B. The father of Mrs. Adakai Sanchez, Frank Adakai, petitioned for relinquishment of
9 her membership with the Navajo Nation on April 7, 1981, and such relinquishment
10 was acknowledged by the Chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council on May 21, 1981.
11 Relinquishment of Navajo Nation membership is attached as **Exhibit A**.

12 C. The United States Department of the Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs, Turtle
13 Mountain Agency, acknowledges the tribal member relinquishment and has
14 stricken Mrs. Adakai Sanchez from the membership roll of the Turtle Mountain
15 Band of Chippewa Indians. The acknowledgement, dated July 7, 2026, confirms
16 that Mrs. Adakai Sanchez is not an enrolled member of that tribe and is attached as
17 **Exhibit B**.

18 D. The Manuelito Chapter has adopted Resolution MANU01-25-26-08 in support of
19 Mrs. Adakai Sanchez’s reinstatement request. Resolution MANU01-25-26-08 is
20 attached as **Exhibit C**.

21 E. Mrs. Jaylene Adakai Sanchez now requests reinstatement as a member of the
22 Navajo Nation and is eligible for reinstatement pursuant to 1 N.N.C. § 705.
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24 **SECTION THREE. REINSTATEMENT AND REENROLLMENT OF JAYLENE** 25 **ADAKAI SANCHEZ, FORMERLY KNOWN AS JAYLENE ADAKAI, AS A** 26 **MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION**

27 The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms that Jaylene Adakai Sanchez, formerly
28 enrolled with the Navajo Nation as Jaylene Adakai, is reinstated and re-enrolled as a
29 member of the Navajo Nation. Mrs. Adakai Sanchez shall hereafter be entitled to all
30 rights, benefits, and privileges associated with Navajo Nation membership.

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2 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

3 This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 221 (A) and (C).
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