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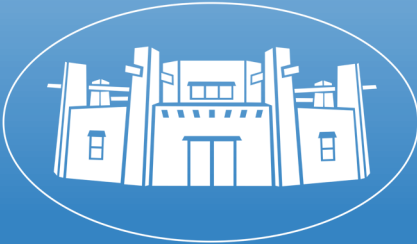
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Council Delegate Dr. Andy Nez and his Legislative District Assistant Amber Benallie riding to Window Rock from Fort Defiance, Ariz.



Community members riding along side Council Delegate Brenda Jesus in Oak Springs, Ariz.



Council Delegate Brenda Jesus 2026 Summer Trail Ride from Lupton Chapter to Oaksprings Chapter.



Council Delegate Casey Allen Johnson's 2026 Summer Trial Ride.

25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL CELEBRATES CULTURAL HERITAGE, CONTINUES SUMMER SESSION TRAIL RIDE TRADITION

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Sunday, July 19, the 25th Navajo Nation Council continued its longstanding Summer Session Trail Ride tradition, bringing together delegates, families, chapter leaders, and community members in a celebration of Diné culture, unity, and shared purpose ahead of the 2026 Summer Session.

“The Summer Session Trail Ride reflects who we are as Diné people and our guiding values,” said Speaker Crystalyne Curley. “As delegates traveled with families, leaders, and community members, we honored our past leaders, celebrated our traditions, and strengthened the bonds that unite us. I thank all participants, riders, walkers, runners, cyclists, volunteers, and supporters whose participation exemplified that when we unite in K’é, we move our Nation forward.”

Council delegates participated in horseback riding, bicycling, and walking and running events that united communities across the Navajo Nation.

Council Delegate Dr. Andy Nez bicycled along N9073, completed a walk and run from Crystal Chapter House to Sawmill Chapter, and concluded his journey on horseback to the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds.

Council Delegates Helena Nez Begay, Casey Allen Johnson, Germaine Simonson, Brenda Jesus, Vince R. James, Rickie Nez, and Lester Yazzie completed their rides alongside their families, supporters, and chapter leaders, reinforcing the Trail Ride’s enduring values of K’é, cultural preservation, and community unity. Attendees also enjoyed performances by Latigo, horse cinch making by Jay Begay Jr., wool assessment demonstrations by Diné College, a special appearance by Navajo Professional Bull Rider Cody Jesus, and a special recognition of Diné riders presented by Speaker Crystalyne Curley.

The Summer Session Trail Ride concluded Monday morning with the final ride from the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds to the Council Chamber.

SPEAKER'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS MAJOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PRIORITIES DURING SUMMER COUNCIL SESSION

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Monday, July 20, the 25th Navajo Nation Council voted to accept the 2026 Summer Session Speaker's Report as written, affirming the accomplishments and priorities outlined by Speaker Crystalyne Curley on behalf of the Legislative Branch during the opening day of the 2026 Summer Council Session.

During her presentation, Speaker Crystalyne Curley was joined by Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council (NNYAC) Chairwoman Aryiah James and Council members Kendri Kinlacheeny and Nikko Yazzie, highlighting the Council's continued commitment to youth leadership and engagement.

The report highlighted significant legislative initiatives and ongoing advocacy efforts undertaken by the Office of the Speaker and the 25th Navajo Nation Council in recent months, including historic investments in broadband infrastructure, transportation improvements, youth leadership development, Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives initiatives, the Northern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement, and continued advocacy on federal land and resource issues.

"The Speaker's Report reflects the work of the 25th Navajo Nation Council and our continued commitment to addressing the priorities of the Navajo people," said Speaker Crystalyne Curley. "From expanding broadband access and investing in transportation infrastructure to advancing water rights, supporting our youth, and strengthening protections for our communities, the report demonstrates the progress we have made together while recognizing the important work that still lies ahead."

Among the report's highlights was the Council's recent approval of a historic \$244.6 million investment to expand broadband infrastructure throughout the Navajo Nation, including funding to provide connectivity to all 110 chapters and matching funds to maximize

federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program resources.

The report also recognized the enactment of \$120 million for transportation infrastructure improvements through the Sihasin Fund, supporting road rehabilitation and long-term transportation planning across the Navajo Nation.

Additional updates included the continued work of the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council, which established four priority pillars to guide its efforts, and ongoing initiatives led by the Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force to finalize the Tribal Community Response Plan, complete a Navajo Nation MMDR database, and strengthen assistance for affected families.

Speaker Curley also highlighted the Council's continued advocacy for congressional approval of the Northern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement and efforts to protect the interests of Navajo allottees affected by proposed federal actions surrounding Chaco Culture National Historical Park.

The report also acknowledged the horse riders who traveled from communities across the Navajo Nation to continue the longstanding tradition of riding to the Council Chamber for the opening of Summer Session, recognizing the journey as a reflection of Navajo leadership, perseverance, and cultural values. In addition, the Council recognized participants in Every Child Matters Awareness Walk and other grassroots advocates who gathered to raise awareness and voice community concerns during the Summer Session.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council accepted the 2026 Summer Session Speaker's Report with a vote of 14 in favor and five opposed. The report is available on the Council's website at www.navajonationcouncil.org under the Committees section in 2026 Summer Session Reports and Presentations.



Left to right: Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council members Kendri Kinlacheeny, Nikko Yazzie, NNYAC Chair Aryiah James, and Speaker Crystalyne Curley.



Veterans of Foreign Wars posting the colors during the 2026 Summer Session.



Camille Uentillie, Miss Navajo Nation 2025-2026 sings the National Anthem in Navajo.

25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RECOGNIZES THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SYDNEY BENALLY

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On the opening day of the 2026 Summer Council Session, Speaker Crystalyne Curley had the honor of recognizing Sydney Benally for her outstanding achievements on and off the basketball court.

Speaker Curley stated that Sydney Benally's journey is truly remarkable. Out of nearly 370,000 girls who play high school basketball across the United States, only about 1.4% earn the opportunity to compete at the NCAA Division I level, and fewer than five Navajo women players are on a Division I roster at any given time.

A proud Diné student-athlete and starting guard for BYU Women's Basketball, Sydney has already made history by setting a BYU freshman assist record while helping lead one of the program's most successful

seasons. She is also a two-time New Mexico Gatorade Girls Basketball Player of the Year, recognized for both her athletic excellence and academic achievements.

"Sydney represents the very best of the Navajo Nation — hard work, humility, leadership, resilience, and perseverance. She is an incredible role model who is inspiring the next generation of Diné youth to dream big, work hard, and believe that no obstacle is too great to overcome," said Speaker Curley.

She added that the Navajo Nation is proud of Benally, and wish her continued success as she prepares for her sophomore season. Benally continues to inspire countless young people across the Navajo Nation to pursue their dreams with confidence and determination.



Sydney Benally was recognized for her outstanding accomplishments in academics and athleticism.



25th Navajo Nation Council recognizes the accomplishments of Sydney Benally

25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL APPROVES LEGISLATION TO OFFICIALLY RENAME OAK SPRINGS CHAPTER HOUSE

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Monday, July 20, the 25th Navajo Nation Council approved legislation to officially rename the Oak Springs Chapter House as the Oak Springs/Pine Springs Chapter House.

The name change recognizes the communities served by the chapter and affirms its commitment to providing equitable services to residents of both Oak Springs and Pine Springs. The legislation was sponsored by Council Delegate Brenda Jesus.

"I sponsored this legislation to ensure all residents of Oak Springs and Pine Springs are equally recognized and served by their local chapter," said Delegate Jesus. "This name change reflects the people the chapter represents and reinforces our commitment to fair, accessible services for everyone in the Oak Springs/Pine Springs area. I'm grateful to the chapter leadership for their support and to my colleagues on the 25th Navajo Nation

Council for unanimously approving this measure."

The Oak Springs Chapter supported the name change through an official resolution, recognizing the importance of accurately reflecting the communities it serves.

The legislation states that the change will help ensure residents of both Oak Springs and Pine Springs receive equitable representation and services while supporting the chapter's efforts to address local issues affecting the health, safety, and welfare of its members.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council unanimously approved the legislation under the consent agenda by a vote of 21 in favor and none opposed. Once certified and delivered to the Office of the President and Vice President, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren will have up to 10 calendar days to act on the resolution.



Council Delegate Brenda Jesus sponsored legislation to officially rename the Oak Springs Chapter House as the Oak Springs/Pine Springs Chapter House.

MMDR TASK FORCE HONORS NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN THROUGH EVERY CHILD MATTERS AWARENESS WALK



Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force hosted the Every Child Matters Awareness Walk to honor Native American children who have gone missing, lost their lives, or have been impacted by violence and trauma.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Monday, July 20, the Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives (MMDR) Task Force hosted the Every Child Matters Awareness Walk to honor Native American children who have gone missing, lost their lives, or have been impacted by violence and trauma.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council and the MMDR Task Force continue to strengthen laws, expand public awareness, and support initiatives that protect children and families across the Navajo Nation while working to prevent future tragedies through education, training, and community partnerships.

“Every child deserves safety, love, and protection. The Every Child Matters Awareness Walk honors lost children, supports grieving families, and reaffirms that they are not alone,” said MMDR Task Force Chairwoman Amber Kanazbah Crotty. “The Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force is dedicated to prevention, improving resources and training, and advocating for policies that protect children. We strive to ensure every Navajo child is valued and can thrive in a safe community.”

The awareness walk brought together families, advocates, community members, and Navajo Nation leaders to honor the lives of children, raise awareness, and provide a space for healing as participants walked together to the Navajo Nation Council Chamber.

Anthony Begay, program manager for the Navajo Treatment Center for Children & Families, highlighted the program’s work to connect Navajo children with counseling, mental health services, and trauma-informed care. The program serves children ages four to 17 through individualized treatment, including cognitive behavioral therapy and other evidence-based approaches that support healing and recovery from trauma and abuse.

Speaker Crystalyne Curley joined participants in the walk and encouraged families and community members to continue supporting efforts to protect Navajo children, emphasizing that every child deserves to grow up in a safe and caring environment.

“The reason we’re wearing red today is to raise awareness that every child matters and to celebrate all our children,” said Speaker Curley. “It’s a good blessing to welcome all our trail riders. The moisture and being surrounded by horses here in front of the council chambers mean a lot. That is a strength of our people.”

The MMDR Task Force continues to provide prevention education, training, and public awareness across the Navajo Nation to help communities respond when a loved one or child goes missing and to strengthen efforts that safeguard children and families.

NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL APPROVES LEGISLATION EXPRESSING NO CONFIDENCE IN NNVA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Council Delegate George H. Tolth sponsored a legislation expressing no confidence in the NNVA Executive Director.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Monday, July 20, the 25th Navajo Nation Council approved Legislation No. 0127-26, expressing no confidence in Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA) Executive Director Bobbie Ann Baldwin and recommending her immediate removal by the Office of the President and Vice President. The legislation seeks to restore accountability, strengthen leadership and rebuild public confidence in the delivery of services to Navajo veterans.

Sponsor of the legislation, Council Delegate George H. Tolth, said the measure reflects the Council’s responsibility to respond to concerns raised by veterans and the organizations that represent them.

“This legislation is about restoring the trust of our Navajo veterans. When veterans’ organizations from across the Nation consistently raise concerns about leadership and the delivery of services, the Council has a responsibility to respond. Our veterans have earned effective representation, accountability and an administration that remains fully committed to serving their needs,” said Delegate Tolth.

Veterans’ organizations representing communities throughout the Navajo Nation adopted formal resolutions expressing no confidence in Baldwin’s leadership, citing concerns related to accountability, communication, program administration and the overall effectiveness of services provided to veterans. The legislation states that the widespread loss of confidence has undermined trust in the administration and recommends Baldwin’s immediate removal in accordance with the NNVA Plan of Operation and applicable contractual obligations.

The legislation also reaffirms the Navajo Nation’s longstanding commitment to honoring the service and sacrifice of Navajo veterans by ensuring they receive effective advocacy, leadership and support through the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration.

The Navajo Nation Council approved Legislation No. 0127-26 by a vote of 21-0 under the consent agenda. As the final authority on the measure, the Council’s action concludes the legislative process.

25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL BEGINS SUMMER SESSION WITH TRADITIONAL TRAIL RIDE HONORING DINÉ LEADERSHIP LEGACY

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Monday, July 20, members of the 25th Navajo Nation Council participated in the annual trail ride to the Navajo Nation Council Chambers, continuing a longstanding tradition that honors the perseverance, leadership, and service of those who came before them.

Participating in Monday's trail ride were Resources and Development Committee Chair Brenda Jesus, Resources and Development Committee Vice Chair Casey Allen Johnson, Council Delegate Helena Nez Begay, Health, Education and Human Services Committee Vice Chair Germaine Simonson, and Council Delegate Lester Yazzie. The ride marked the opening of the 2026 Summer Council Session and reflected the Council's enduring connection to Diné history, culture, and the responsibility of public service.

The ceremonial ride commemorates a time when Navajo leaders traveled on horseback from their home communities to attend Council meetings in Window Rock. The tradition honors the dedication, sacrifice, and commitment of past leaders who journeyed great distances to represent their communities and conduct the business of the Navajo people.

HEHSC Vice Chair Germaine Simonson said the annual ride serves as a reminder that leadership begins with listening to and advocating for the people.

"Our predecessors traveled these trails because they believed every community deserved a voice. That same commitment continues today as we work to improve the health, education, and well-being of our Nation while honoring the legacy entrusted to us," Simonson said.

RDC Vice Chair Casey Allen Johnson said the trail ride reflects the values that continue to guide the work of the Council.

"The Trail Ride reminds us that leadership has always required commitment, sacrifice, and a willingness to serve our people. As we honor those who made this journey before us, we also renew our responsibility to carry their vision forward by making decisions that strengthen our communities and preserve our traditions for future generations," Johnson said.

The annual trail ride remains one of the Navajo Nation Council's most enduring traditions, bridging generations of Navajo leadership while reaffirming the values of service, unity, and cultural preservation.



Council Delegate Germaine Simonson



Council Delegate Helena Nez Begay



A rider on the 2026 Summer Trail Ride



Advocates gather after the Every Child Matters Awareness Walk



Council Delegate Brenda Jesus



Council Delegate Vince R. James

COUNCIL APPROVES LEGISLATION RENAMING DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO THE NAVAJO DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES



Council Delegate Vince R. James sponsored Legislation No. 0102-26, changing the name of the Division of Human Resources to the Navajo Division of Human Services.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Monday, July 20, the Navajo Nation Council approved Legislation No. 0102-26, officially changing the name of the Division of Human Resources to the Navajo Division of Human Services, with the intention to better reflect the division's mission and reduce confusion with the Department of Personnel Management. The legislation amends provisions of Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code governing the division and its oversight.

Legislation sponsor Council Delegate Vince R. James indicated the change represents an important administrative modernization that will improve government services.

"This will bring greater clarity to how the Navajo Nation delivers essential human services by ensuring the division's name accurately reflects its mission and responsibilities. A clear organizational structure strengthens accountability, improves public understanding, and helps our government better serve the Navajo people," said Delegate James.

The current name created confusion because "human resources" is commonly associated with personnel administration, hiring, employee relations and workforce management, functions that are already carried out by

the Department of Personnel Management. The legislation states that renaming the division will provide greater administrative clarity, improve public understanding of available services, and more accurately represent the broad range of human services programs administered by the division.

The Division of Human Resources noted that it has evolved significantly over the years, including the removal of the Department of Veterans Affairs from its organizational structure in 2016. The legal review by the Navajo Nation Department of Justice determined the proposed amendments to be legally sufficient.

The legislation now updates references to the division throughout the Navajo Nation Code, including its legislative oversight responsibilities, organizational structure, and statutory authorities, while maintaining continuity in the delivery of workforce development and other public service programs.

The Navajo Nation Council approved the legislation under the consent agenda by a vote of 21 in favor and none opposed. The Navajo Nation Council serves as the final authority on the measure.

COMMUNITY TURNS OUT FOR 4TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK PROMOTING CANCER AWARENESS

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Thursday, July 23, community members demonstrated support for cancer awareness by participating in the 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk hosted by Council Delegate Brenda Jesus during the 25th Navajo Nation Council 2026 Summer Session. The event drew a large turnout as families, runners, and walkers participated under the theme, "Strong Steps Towards Miles of Hope. Together Against Cancer."

Held at the Window Rock Fairgrounds, the event emphasized community wellness, cancer awareness, and solidarity with individuals and families affected by cancer. Participants of all ages gathered for the evening event despite persistent rain, reflecting the community's commitment to supporting one another and raising awareness about the importance of prevention, education, and hope.

"Seeing our community come together despite the rain is a powerful reminder that cancer touches every family, but it does not diminish our strength or our compassion. Every participant who walked or ran tonight helped send a message of hope to those battling cancer and honored the loved ones we have lost. Together, we continue building a healthier and more united Navajo Nation," said Council Delegate Jesus.

The annual event highlighted the importance of encouraging healthy lifestyles while creating opportunities for community members to stand in support of cancer survivors, patients undergoing treatment, caregivers, and families who continue to face the challenges of the disease. The strong attendance underscored the resilience of the Navajo people and the willingness of community members to rally around causes that strengthen public health and wellness.

Delegate Jesus thanked participants, volunteers, event organizers, sponsors, and public safety personnel whose efforts ensured the event's success. She also encouraged continued community involvement in future health and wellness initiatives that promote early detection, education, and support for those affected by cancer.

The 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk demonstrated that even inclement weather could not deter participants from advancing the shared message of hope, awareness, and unity in the fight against cancer.



Council Delegate Brenda Jesus hosted her annual 5K walk/run for cancer awareness.

25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL APPROVES LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND HOUSING INVESTMENT FOR VETERANS

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On July 20, the 25th Navajo Nation Council approved Legislation No. 0171-26, sponsored by Council Delegate Dr. Andy Nez, to modernize the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund by creating two dedicated trust funds that will strengthen financial assistance programs for veterans while ensuring long-term investment and sustainability for veterans’ housing.

The legislation restructures the existing trust fund into the Navajo Nation Veterans Assistance Trust Fund and the newly established Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Trust Fund, with an effective date of Oct. 1, 2026.

“This legislation aims to protect veterans’ future and ensure they get the support earned through service,” said Delegate Dr. Nez, sponsor. “Creating separate assistance and housing trust funds addresses funding shortfalls and ensures accountability to keep programs strong and sustainable for veterans, surviving spouses, and Gold Star Mothers for generations.”

The legislation keeps the Navajo Nation’s four-percent set-aside for veterans’ programs and clarifies funding. It allocates three percent of projected revenues to the Veterans Assistance Trust Fund and one percent to the Veterans Housing Trust Fund. Total annual veteran funding stays the same, but the new structure allocates funds to two purposes and improves financial management.

The Navajo Nation Veterans Assistance Trust Fund replaces the original Veterans Trust Fund established in 1998. The fund provides financial support for programs and services that directly benefit Navajo veterans, surviving spouses, and Gold Star Mothers. Annual deposits equal to at least three percent of projected Navajo Nation revenues will help ensure



Council Delegate Dr. Andy Nez sponsored Legislation No. 0171-26, to strengthen financial assistance and housing investment for Navajo veterans.

continued funding for assistance programs that have experienced recurring annual shortfalls as demand for services continues to grow.

This legislation creates the Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Trust Fund, dedicated solely to veterans’ housing. It starts with about \$45.9 million from the veterans housing account, as per the latest audit approved by the Navajo Nation Council. Instead of remaining unused, these funds can be invested in accordance with Navajo investment policies, allowing earnings to support future housing projects while maintaining the principal. Additionally, annual deposits of at least 1% of projected Navajo Nation revenue will grow the fund and ensure long-term housing support for Navajo veterans.

The structure also strengthens financial planning by allowing housing funds to generate investment earnings that can offset future costs, preserve resources, and improve the long-term sustainability of veterans housing initiatives.

In addition to approving the legislation, a directive for the Navajo Nation Veterans

Administration to submit yearly reports on both trust funds. These reports will detail each fund’s financial condition, investment results, program achievements, spending, administrative expenses, veterans served, homes built, average project costs, leveraged funds, and a five-year sustainability review.

This information will be shared with the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee, and the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council during the annual budget process to enhance transparency, legislative oversight, and support data-driven decisions.

The legislation received support from veterans organizations representing the Eastern, Chinle, Western, Northern, and Fort Defiance agencies, along with participation from the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council throughout its development.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council unanimously approved Legislation No. 0171-26, with 21 votes in favor and none against. Once certified, President Buu Nygren will have 10 days to act on the measure.

NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL APPROVES LEGISLATION ALLOWING LIMITED MOTORCYCLE LANE FILTERING TO ENHANCE ROADWAY SAFETY

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Monday, the Navajo Nation Council approved legislation amending Title 14 of the Navajo Nation Code to allow limited motorcycle traffic lane filtering under specific safety conditions, aligning portions of the Nation’s traffic laws with neighboring jurisdictions while prioritizing motorcyclist safety.

Sponsored by Council Delegate Vince R. James, Legislation No. 0064-26 authorizes operators of two-wheeled motorcycles to carefully overtake stopped vehicles by traveling between lanes only under narrowly defined conditions. The legislation permits lane filtering only on roadways with at least two lanes traveling in the same direction where the posted speed limit does not exceed 45 mph and requires motorcycles to travel no faster than 15 mph while filtering.

“Public safety is the driving force behind this legislation, and it establishes clear standards for when and how motorcycle lane filtering may occur. This legislation provides motorcyclists with an additional safety measure while ensuring that roadway users understand the conditions under which lane filtering is permitted,” said Delegate James.

The legislation was developed in response to evolving traffic safety practices and recognizes that motorcyclists face an increased risk of rear-end collisions when stopped in congested traffic. Lawmakers determined that allowing limited lane filtering under controlled circumstances can improve rider safety, enhance traffic flow, and provide greater consistency with surrounding state transportation laws while preserving safeguards for all motorists.

By adopting clearly defined operating standards, the amendment seeks to improve regulatory consistency, increase public awareness, and reduce the potential traffic collisions.

The legislation was approved by the Navajo Nation Council under the consent agenda by a vote of 21 in favor and none opposed. The Navajo Nation Council serves as the final authority on the legislation.

COUNCIL OVERRIDES PRESIDENTIAL VETO OF CAP-31-26 TO STRENGTHEN FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT



Council Delegate Shaandiin Parrish sponsored a legislation to reaffirm that the Office of Management and Budget remain accountable to Council's fiscal policies.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Monday, July 20, the 25th Navajo Nation Council voted to override President Buu Nygren's veto of Resolution CAP-31-26, reaffirming that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) remains accountable to the Navajo Nation Council's fiscal policies and legislative intent while continuing to operate within the Executive Branch.

The override affirms that the legislation preserves the separation of powers by maintaining executive administration of programs while strengthening legislative oversight of budget implementation.

The measure is intended to protect the Navajo Nation's budget process and ensure public funds are managed in accordance with laws and appropriations approved by the Navajo Nation Council.

Council Delegate Shaandiin Parrish, the legislation's sponsor, stressed that leaders have a duty to provide transparency, accountability, and clear fiscal guidance for the Navajo people. The legislation enhances that duty without shifting executive power and keeps the Office of Management and Budget responsive to legislative priorities established through the Nation's lawmaking process.

The legislation amends 2 N.N.C. § 1201 to clarify that the Director of the Office of Management and Budget serves under the general guidance of the Navajo Nation Council while continuing to report directly to the

President on operational and executive matters.

The amendment does not authorize the Legislative Branch to administer executive programs or supervise executive employees. Instead, it provides policy guidance regarding appropriations, fiscal priorities, and implementation of laws enacted by the Navajo Nation Council.

In its findings, the Council determined that effective fiscal accountability requires OMB to remain responsive to the legislative body responsible for appropriating funds and establishing budget policy. The legislation states that allowing OMB to operate solely under executive direction could weaken legislative intent, reduce fiscal oversight, and limit the Council's ability to ensure appropriated funds are spent in accordance with Navajo Nation law.

The Council also concluded that the President's veto incorrectly characterized the legislation as an encroachment on executive authority, emphasizing that the amendment preserves executive administration while reinforcing accountability and transparency in the implementation of the Nation's budget.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council overrode the President's veto through Legislation No. 0129-26, on the consent agenda by a vote of 19 in favor and none opposed. The Navajo Nation Council serves as the final authority on the measure.

MMDR TASK FORCE RECOGNIZES DA TRIBE BASEBALL FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT MMIP

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Thursday, July 23, the Missing and Murdered Diné Relative Task Force recognized Da Tribe Youth Baseball for their commitment to raising awareness of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples movement through youth athletics, community leadership and cultural pride.

The team was honored for featuring missing Diné woman Tiffany Reid on their jerseys and using baseball as a platform to educate communities about the ongoing MMIP crisis during tournaments and games across the Southwest.

"Da Tribe has shown that our youth can be powerful advocates for change while honoring who they are as Diné people," said MMDR Task Force Chair Amber Kanazbah Crotty. "By carrying Tiffany Reid's name on their jerseys and helping bring awareness to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples movement, these young athletes are reminding our communities that every missing relative matters. Their leadership demonstrates that sports can unite people, preserve our identity, and inspire action for future generations."

Before starting the recognition, Crotty explained the history and significance of the Navajo Nation Council Chamber and its murals. She highlighted the importance of understanding Diné history and honoring the sacrifices of previous generations. Crotty urged the players to keep learning their clans and to practice Navajo self-introductions, reminding them that the leaders and ancestors shown in the Council Chamber devoted their lives to preserving Diné traditions, culture, and future generations.

The Task Force acknowledged Da Tribe for their remarkable accomplishments both on



Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty recognized Da Tribe Youth baseball team for their MMIP advocacy.

and off the baseball diamond. Demonstrating discipline, teamwork, persistence, and respect, the team has secured championship titles, tournament invites, and the respect of communities across the region.

More than just athletic success, Da Tribe serves as a positive youth leadership example by fostering cultural pride, honoring the Navajo Code Talkers' legacy, mentoring younger players, and advocating for awareness of Indigenous community issues.

Coaches were also recognized for their leadership and dedication to mentoring Navajo youth through baseball. Their commitment has helped establish a program that emphasizes character, accountability and respect while preparing young athletes for success both in competition and in their communities.

The Missing and Murdered Diné Relative Task Force commends Da Tribe's players, coaches, families and supporters for demonstrating that true champions are defined not only by victories on the field but also by their service, leadership and commitment to their people. The recognition highlights the important role young leaders play in preserving Diné culture, strengthening communities and ensuring the stories of missing and murdered Indigenous relatives continue to be remembered.

25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL APPROVES LEGISLATION TO REDUCE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES FOR A RECALL PETITION TO 25 PERCENT

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.

– On Monday, the 25th Navajo Nation Council approved Legislation No. 0169-26, decreasing the recall petition signature requirement to 25%, and authorizing the collection of electronic signatures from registered voters in the previous election.

“This is a critical need for the Navajo Nation. Our current laws do not protect the Navajo people’s votes and their right to petition to remove leadership when they fail to serve the Nation,” said Delegate Crotty. “The Nation’s first attempt to recall a Navajo elected official showed us how hard it is to meet the 45% requirement without using online signatures. I hope this change will allow future generations to strengthen their voice and petition to remove an official who continues to fail to meet the Navajo people’s needs.”

This legislation was introduced following efforts by 70 chapter houses that submitted resolutions calling for the removal of the Nygren/Montoya administration. Its goal was to promote democracy within the Navajo Nation by reducing the signature threshold needed for petitions.

This would enable the Navajo people to more easily vote on and recall leaders who fail to fulfill their duties within the Navajo Nation Government. Furthermore, electronic signatures from voters in the last election would be accepted and included in petitions for removing elected officials.

The Navajo Nation’s initial 45% signature requirement for recall elections is higher than in other areas. In Arizona, petition signatures must be at least 25% of the votes cast in the previous general election for the position in question before a recall can be initiated. Similarly, New Mexico permits recalls for some local officials, but its required threshold is lower. Under New Mexico’s Recall Act, a recall petition needs verified signatures equal to at least 33.5% of the votes from the last election for that office.

“After reviewing the data from Arizona and New Mexico, Delegate Crotty and I made the decision that it was a critical need to change the percentage of signature requirements for a petition,” said Council Delegate Cherylin Yazzie, co-sponsor of the legislation. “Our main priority is to ensure that the people who elected us also have the ability to elect us out without having to go through further barriers to complete this process.”

The reduction in the required signature will give the Navajo people the accessibility to voice their concerns about their elected leaders and ensure each Navajo elected official is held accountable. These changes to the petition requirements make it easier for voting Navajo citizens to choose who will remain in office.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council voted on the legislation, with 16 in favor and two opposed. The Council serves as the final authority for this legislation.

2026 SUMMER SESSION RECOGNITIONS



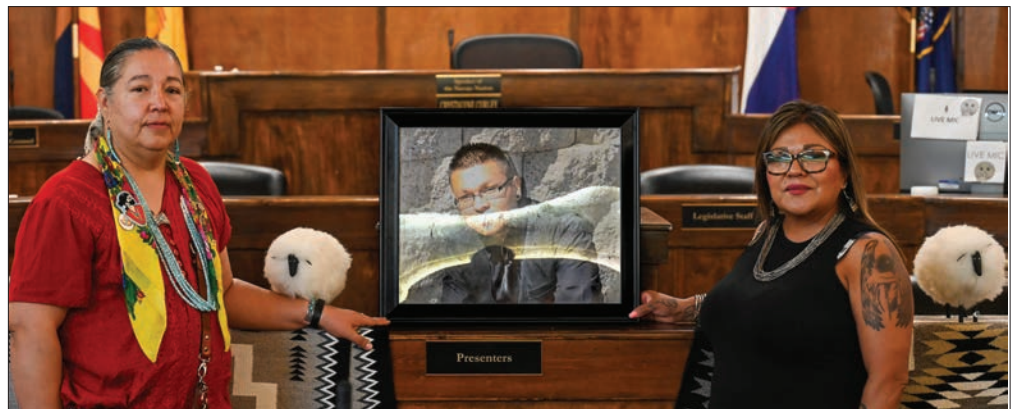
The 25th Navajo Nation Council recognized Lessina Williams for advancing diabetes education.



Sydney Benally (center) was recognized for her academic and athletic accomplishments.



The family of the late Randall Jim were recognized in honor of the the former Steamboat Chapter Commissioner.



Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty recognized Vangie Randall Shorty for her advocacy on behalf of her missing son Zachariah Shorty.

25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL APPROVES LEGISLATION TO EXPAND CITIZEN ACCESS TO THE INITIATIVE PROCESS



Council Delegate Amber Kanabah Crotty sponsored a reform measure that will expand opportunities for Navajo citizens to lead initiatives on the ballot.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On July 20, the 25th Navajo Nation Council approved Legislation No. 0170-26, a reform measure that would expand opportunities for Navajo citizens to participate directly in the lawmaking process by making it easier to place citizen-led initiatives on the ballot.

The legislation amends the Navajo Nation Election Code by reducing the signature requirement for initiative petitions from 15 percent of registered voters to seven percent of the total votes cast in the most recent Navajo Nation presidential election.

“This legislation strengthens the voices and voting rights of the Navajo people,” said Council Delegate Amber Kanabah Crotty, sponsor of Legislation No. 0170-26. “Our people are the foundation of Navajo governance, and they deserve a meaningful opportunity to bring forward ideas that reflect their communities’ needs. By making the initiative process more accessible, we reinforce the principle that the people should have a direct role in shaping our laws, guiding our government, and determining the future of the Navajo Nation.”

An initiative petition allows Navajo voters to propose new laws or policy changes for consideration by the electorate. Meeting the required number of petition signatures does not automatically enact or amend a law. Instead, it qualifies the proposal to appear on the ballot, where Navajo voters make the final decision through the election process.

According to the legislation, the current signature threshold has made the initiative process difficult for many citizens to use. The revised requirement maintains a substantial level of public support while lowering barriers to qualifying initiatives for the ballot.

The legislation was developed in response to documented challenges affecting Native voter participation, including long travel distances to election services, limited access to mail and internet services, language barriers, and other obstacles identified in reports by the Native American Rights Fund, the Native American Voting Rights Coalition, and recommendations from the Commission on Navajo Government Development.

Those findings concluded that reducing the signature threshold would make citizen participation more attainable while maintaining accountability within the election process. The legislation also reflects recommendations to modernize the Navajo Nation’s initiative process by aligning it more closely with practices in surrounding jurisdictions while recognizing the unique challenges facing Navajo voters.

During Council deliberations, Delegate Crotty noted that no successful Navajo Nation initiative has qualified for the ballot since 2009, indicating that the current threshold has become a significant barrier to citizen participation.

If ultimately approved through the required 56 chapter resolutions, Legislation No. 0170-26 would provide Navajo citizens with a more practical pathway to place initiatives before voters while preserving voter approval as the final step in the lawmaking process.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council approved the legislation by a vote of 13 in favor and five opposed. Once the resolution is certified, President Buu Nygren will have 10 days to act on the measure.

COUNCIL RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING CHAPTER LEADERSHIP, EDUCATORS, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. - On Wednesday, July 22, members of the 25th Navajo Nation Council recognized outstanding chapter leadership, educational instructors, and Navajo Nation Animal Control officers for their dedicated service to the Navajo Nation.

Council Delegate Vince R. James honored the late Randall Jim for his dedicated service as a Steamboat Chapter commissioner, recognizing his unwavering commitment, integrity, and leadership in serving the Navajo people. James said Jim’s years of public service and steadfast leadership leave a lasting legacy for the Steamboat Chapter and the Navajo Nation.

Speaker Crystalyne Curley also recognized two recently sworn-in Navajo Nation Animal Control officers: Shondine Yazzie, who serves the Central Agency, and Jiiniibah Roanhorse, who serves the Northern Agency.

“These are the individuals who are out in the field working day and night. Many of their responsibilities go beyond normal work hours. When there is a call involving an incident, these individuals respond, complete the necessary documentation, and work closely with their administrative teams,” said Speaker Curley.

Speaker Curley commended the officers for their commitment to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of Navajo communities through the humane enforcement of animal control laws and the compassionate care of animals. She said their



Speaker Crystalyne Curley recognized UNM interim Dean of Instruction Joe Kee.

service reflects a strong dedication to public safety and the well-being of both residents and animals across the Navajo Nation.

Speaker Crystalyne Curley also recognized educator Joe Kee for his appointment as interim dean of instruction at the University of New Mexico Gallup Branch. Kee is the first Navajo person appointed to the position.

“I acknowledge the hard work that is done within the Navajo Nation government throughout all three branches. I also value the academic unit that I am responsible for. Our children are sacred, and I believe they will one day lead us. We must first nurture and care for the seeds we have planted. I also want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our educators,” Kee said.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council extends its gratitude to the Jim family, the Navajo Nation Animal Control Program, and the University of New Mexico Gallup Branch for their continued service and contributions to chapter leadership, public safety, and education.

COUNCIL HONORS LESSINA WILLIAMS FOR ADVANCING DIABETES CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — During the opening day of the 2026 Summer Council Session on July 20, the 25th Navajo Nation Council recognized Lessina Williams for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and service in advancing diabetes education and improving healthcare for the Navajo Nation and Indigenous communities.

The recognition took place alongside the Council’s “Every Child Matters” Awareness Walk and the arrival of the annual trail riders at the Navajo Nation Council Chambers, reflecting the Council’s continued commitment to community wellness, healing, and advocacy.

Speaker Crystalyne Curley presented Williams with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, recognizing her exceptional contributions to diabetes care and public health. Williams was recently honored with the Indian Health Service Director’s Award and promoted to the rank of Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, milestones that reflect her years of distinguished service and leadership.

“Today, we proudly honor Lessina Williams for her unwavering dedication and commitment to the Navajo Nation and Indian Country,” said Speaker Curley. “Her leadership in diabetes education and care demonstrates the difference one individual can make through compassion, service, and excellence. Her accomplishments inspire our people, especially our young Diné leaders, to pursue careers that strengthen the health and well-being of our Nation.”

Williams was joined by her husband, Irvin Williams,

their children, parents, and extended family during the recognition ceremony. She expressed gratitude to the 25th Navajo Nation Council for the honor and acknowledged the sacrifices of past Navajo leaders whose vision and perseverance created opportunities for future generations.

She explained that her promotion to Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps resulted from a highly competitive process, with only a small percentage of officers selected for advancement during each promotion cycle. Williams said the achievement reflects years of dedication to serving American Indian and Alaska Native communities through healthcare and public service.

Williams also reflected on receiving the Indian Health Service Director’s Award, describing it as recognition of the life-changing impact of diabetes education and patient-centered care. She said many individuals facing serious health challenges have regained hope and improved their quality of life through diabetes prevention, education, and clinical support. She reaffirmed her commitment to advancing diabetes care, mentoring future healthcare leaders, and continuing to serve with humility and excellence while representing the Navajo Nation.

The recognition concluded with Speaker Curley, Council Delegate Helena Nez Begay, and Council Delegate Lester Yazzie presenting Williams with a certificate of appreciation and a traditional shawl in recognition of her exceptional service, leadership, and lasting contributions to the Navajo Nation and Indian Country.

NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL APPROVES HISTORIC INVESTMENT IN BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ACROSS THE NAVAJO NATION

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Thursday, July 2, the 25th Navajo Nation Council unanimously approved a historic investment totaling \$244,617,938 to fund broadband infrastructure projects throughout the Navajo Nation.

Sponsored by Budget and Finance Committee Vice Chairman Carl L. Slater, Legislation No. 0109-26 appropriates \$75,546,678.33 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance to the Navajo Nation Broadband Office and approves the Broadband Infrastructure Projects Plan.

“This measure underscores the need to address the broadband divide that exists on the Navajo Nation. Addressing this disparity will impact critical services that include public safety, education, emergency response, and healthcare. But most importantly, it will unlock the economic potential of our entrepreneurial people as we march into the digital age,” said Delegate Slater. “I thank my colleagues on the 25th Navajo Nation Council for their support of this historic measure.”

The legislation also amends Council Resolution CJA-05-26, which enacted the Capital Development Financing Act and established the Capital Development Financing Fund (CDFF) to permit refinancing and reimbursement of funding sources. In addition, the measure authorizes \$169,071,259 in debt financing from the CDFF, bringing the total investment in broadband infrastructure projects to \$244,617,938.

The measure underscores the 25th Navajo Nation Council’s commitment to expanding, improving, and modernizing broadband infrastructure in all chapters across the Navajo Nation, with the goal of providing reliable internet access to every household.

The approved funding will expand broadband access to all 110 chapters across the Navajo Nation. Currently, 52 chapters are connected to fiber optic infrastructure, while the remaining 58 chapters will receive low Earth orbit satellite (LEO) internet service through Starlink as fiber networks are extended to those communities. Starlink service is expected to be deployed within 90 days

to provide immediate connectivity while long-term fiber construction continues.

The investment also includes matching funds for the federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, which is projected to connect approximately 31,000 homes to high-speed internet, with an estimated 6,000 homes expected to be connected by the end of the year.

Broadband enhancements will be carried out in three phases to expand 5G service. Existing fiber-connected towers will be upgraded first, followed by extending fiber and 5G capabilities to additional sites. New towers will then be constructed in underserved areas to provide reliable broadband access to remaining households.

Council Delegate Vince R. James emphasized the significance of the historic investment and called on the Navajo Nation Broadband Office to remain diligent, transparent, and accountable in administering the funding.

“I’m placing a great deal of trust in the broadband staff to manage and spend these funds responsibly,” Council Delegate James said. “When the Council has questions, do not ignore us. If you are asked to provide a report on how this money is being used, be transparent and keep the Council informed.”

As amended by the Budget and Finance Committee, the legislation also authorizes future debt financing through the Capital Development Financing Act (CDFA) for Phase 2 of the Dilkon Justice Center and the Tsé Bit’áí Justice Center in Shiprock, N.M. The Dilkon project will include facilities for Adult Corrections and Programs, Intake and Juvenile Services, the Department of Corrections, Public Safety, and support services. The Tsé Bit’áí Justice Center will house law enforcement, courts, peacemaking, criminal investigations, probation services, a detention facility, and a medical examiner’s building.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council unanimously approved Legislation No. 0109-26 on the consent agenda with a vote of 21 in favor and none opposed.



LEGISLATION 0129-26

An Action Relating to the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council; Overriding the Navajo Nation President’s Veto of Navajo Nation Council Resolution No. CAP-31-26

SPONSOR: Shaandiin Parrish

Action: Passed

Yea: 19
Helana Nez Begay
Norman M. Begay
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Shawna Ann Claw
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Vince R. James
Brenda Jesus
Arbin Mitchell
Dr. Andy Nez
Rickie Nez
Titus Nez
Nathan Notah
Shaandiin Parrish
Germaine Simonson
Danny Simpson
George Tolth
Curtis Yanito
Cherilyn Yazzie
Lester Yazzie

Nay: 0

Excused: 1
Otto Tso

Not Voting: 3
Carl R. Slater
Casey Allen Johnson
Amber Kanazbah Crotty

Presiding Speaker:
Crystalyne Curley

LEGISLATION 0075-26

An Action Relating to the Budget and Finance and Naabik’iyáti’ Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$750,000.00 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance (“UUFB”) for the Office of the President and Vice President to Fund a Supplemental Fiscal Need for Operations for Fiscal Year 2026; Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820(E), § 820(F), § 820(J), and § 820(L)

SPONSOR: Danny Simpson

Action: Failed

Yea: 4
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Titus Nez
Arbin Mitchell
Danny Simpson

Nay: 15
Helana Nez Begay
Norman M. Begay
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Shawna Ann Claw
Vince R. James
Brenda Jesus
Dr. Andy Nez
Rickie Nez
Nathan Notah
Shaandiin Parrish
Germaine Simonson
George Tolth
Curtis Yanito
Cherilyn Yazzie
Lester Yazzie

Excused: 1
Otto Tso

Not Voting: 3
Carl R. Slater
Casey Allen Johnson
Amber Kanazbah Crotty

Presiding Speaker:
Crystalyne Curley

LEGISLATION 0078-26

An Action Relating to the Budget and Finance and Naabik’iyáti’ Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$8,695,132.00 From the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance (“UUFB”) for The Navajo Nation Department of General Services to Address Accessibility Deficiencies in Navajo Chapter Houses and Other Public Facilities; Approving \$201,200.00 From the UUFB for the Navajo Election Administration to Accommodate Voters with Disabilities; and Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820 (E), § 820 (F), § 820 (J), and 820 (L)

SPONSOR: Andy Nez
CO-SPONSOR: Eugenia Charles-Newton, Nathan Notah

Action: Failed

Yea: 10
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Vince R. James
Brenda Jesus
Arbin Mitchell
Dr. Andy Nez
Rickie Nez
Titus Nez
Nathan Notah
George Tolth

Nay: 9
Helana Nez Begay
Norman M. Begay
Shawna Ann Claw
Shaandiin Parrish
Germaine Simonson
Danny Simpson
Curtis Yanito
Cherilyn Yazzie
Lester Yazzie

Excused: 1
Otto Tso

Not Voting: 3
Carl R. Slater
Casey Allen Johnson
Amber Kanazbah Crotty

Presiding Speaker:
Crystalyne Curley

LEGISLATION 0098-26

An Action Relating to the Budget and Finance and Naabik’iyáti’ Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$99,000 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance (“UUFB”) for the Office of Navajo Government Development to Fund a Supplemental Fiscal Need for Unmet Needs for Fiscal Year 2026; Waiving 12 N.N.C. §820 (E), §820 (F), §820 (J), and §820 (L)

SPONSOR: George H. Tolth
CO-SPONSOR: Herman M. Daniels, Jr.

Action: Failed

Yea: 6
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Casey Allen Johnson
Arbin Mitchell
Shaandiin Parrish
Danny Simpson
George Tolth

Nay: 14
Helana Nez Begay
Norman M. Begay
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Shawna Ann Claw
Vince R. James
Brenda Jesus
Dr. Andy Nez
Rickie Nez
Titus Nez
Nathan Notah
Germaine Simonson
Curtis Yanito
Cherilyn Yazzie
Lester Yazzie

Excused: 1
Otto Tso

Not Voting: 2
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Carl R. Slater

Presiding Speaker:
Crystalyne Curley

LEGISLATION 0064-26

An Act Relating to the Law and Order and the Naabik’iyáti’ Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Title 14 of the Navajo Nation Code to Allow for Motorcycle Traffic Lane Filtering

SPONSOR: Vince R. James
CO-SPONSOR: Nathan Notah

Action: Passed

Yea: 21
Helana Nez Begay
Norman M. Begay
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Shawna Ann Claw
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Vince R. James
Brenda Jesus
Casey Allen Johnson
Arbin Mitchell
Dr. Andy Nez
Rickie Nez
Titus Nez
Nathan Notah
Shaandiin Parrish
Germaine Simonson
Danny Simpson
George Tolth
Curtis Yanito
Cherilyn Yazzie
Lester Yazzie

Nay: 0

Excused: 1
Otto Tso

Not Voting: 1
Carl R. Slater

Presiding Speaker:
Crystalyne Curley

LEGISLATION 0073-26

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)

SPONSOR: Brenda Jesus
CO-SPONSOR: Arbin Mitchell

Action: Passed

Yea: 21
Helana Nez Begay
Norman M. Begay
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Shawna Ann Claw
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Vince R. James
Brenda Jesus
Casey Allen Johnson
Arbin Mitchell
Dr. Andy Nez
Rickie Nez
Titus Nez
Nathan Notah
Shaandiin Parrish
Germaine Simonson
Danny Simpson
George Tolth
Curtis Yanito
Cherilyn Yazzie
Lester Yazzie

Nay: 0

Excused: 1
Otto Tso

Not Voting: 1
Carl R. Slater

Presiding Speaker:
Crystalyne Curley



LEGISLATION 0102-26
An Act Relating to the Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik’íyáti’ Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. §§ 401 (C) and 1701 Et Seq.; Changing the Name of the Division of Human Resources to the Navajo Division of Human Services

SPONSOR: Vince R. James

Action: Passed

Yea: 21
Helana Nez Begay
Norman M. Begay
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Shawna Ann Claw
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Vince R. James
Brenda Jesus
Casey Allen Johnson
Arbin Mitchell
Dr. Andy Nez
Rickie Nez
Titus Nez
Nathan Notah
Shaandiin Parrish
Germaine Simonson
Danny Simpson
George Tolth
Curtis Yanito
Cherilyn Yazzie
Lester Yazzie

Nay: 0

Excused: 1
Otto Tso

Not Voting: 1
Carl R. Slater

Presiding Speaker: Crystalyne Curley

LEGISLATION 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

SPONSOR: George H. Tolth
CO-SPONSOR: Curtis Yanito, Eugenia Charles-Newton

Action: Passed

Yea: 21
Helana Nez Begay
Norman M. Begay
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Shawna Ann Claw
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Vince R. James
Brenda Jesus
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Nathan Notah
Shaandiin Parrish
Germaine Simonson
Danny Simpson
George Tolth
Curtis Yanito
Cherilyn Yazzie
Lester Yazzie

Nay: 0

Excused: 1
Otto Tso

Not Voting: 1
Carl R. Slater

Presiding Speaker: Crystalyne Curley

LEGISLATION 0171-26
An Act Relating to the Law and Order, Health Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, and Naabik’íyáti’ Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund at 12 N.N.C. §§ 1171 et seq. by Rescinding the Existing Veterans Trust Fund Statute and Replacing It with Two New Funds; Establishing the Navajo Nation Veterans Assistance Trust Fund at 12 N.N.C. §§ 1171 et seq.; and Establishing the Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Trust Fund at 12 N.N.C. §§ [3301] et seq.

SPONSOR: Dr. Andy Nez
CO-SPONSOR: Amber Kanazbah Crotty, Lester Yazzie, Nathan Notah, Norman M. Begay

Action: Passed

Yea: 21
Helana Nez Begay
Norman M. Begay
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Shawna Ann Claw
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Vince R. James
Brenda Jesus
Casey Allen Johnson
Arbin Mitchell
Dr. Andy Nez
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Nathan Notah
Shaandiin Parrish
Germaine Simonson
Danny Simpson
George Tolth
Curtis Yanito
Cherilyn Yazzie
Lester Yazzie

Nay: 0

Excused: 1
Otto Tso

Not Voting: 1
Carl R. Slater

Presiding Speaker: Crystalyne Curley

LEGISLATION 0169-26
An Act Relating to the Law and Order and the Naabik’íyáti’ Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Navajo Nation Election Code at 11 N.N.C § 241 (A) to Reduce the Signature Requirements for a Recall Petition

SPONSOR: Amber Kanazbah Crotty
CO-SPONSOR: Cherilyn Yazzie

Action: Passed

Yea: 16
Helana Nez Begay
Norman M. Begay
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Shawna Ann Claw
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Vince R. James
Brenda Jesus
Arbin Mitchell
Dr. Andy Nez
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Nathan Notah
Germaine Simonson
Curtis Yanito
Cherilyn Yazzie
Lester Yazzie

Nay: 2
Herman Daniels, Jr.
George Tolth

Excused: 1

Not Voting: 4
Casey Allen Johnson
Shaandiin Parrish
Danny Simpson
Carl R. Slater

Presiding Speaker: Crystalyne Curley

LEGISLATION 0170-26
An Act Relating to the Law and Order and the Naabik’íyáti’ Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Navajo Nation Election Code at 11 N.N.C. § 404 (B) (11) to Reduce the Signature Requirements for an Initiative Petition

SPONSOR: Amber Kanazbah Crotty
CO-SPONSOR: Cherilyn Yazzie

Action: Passed

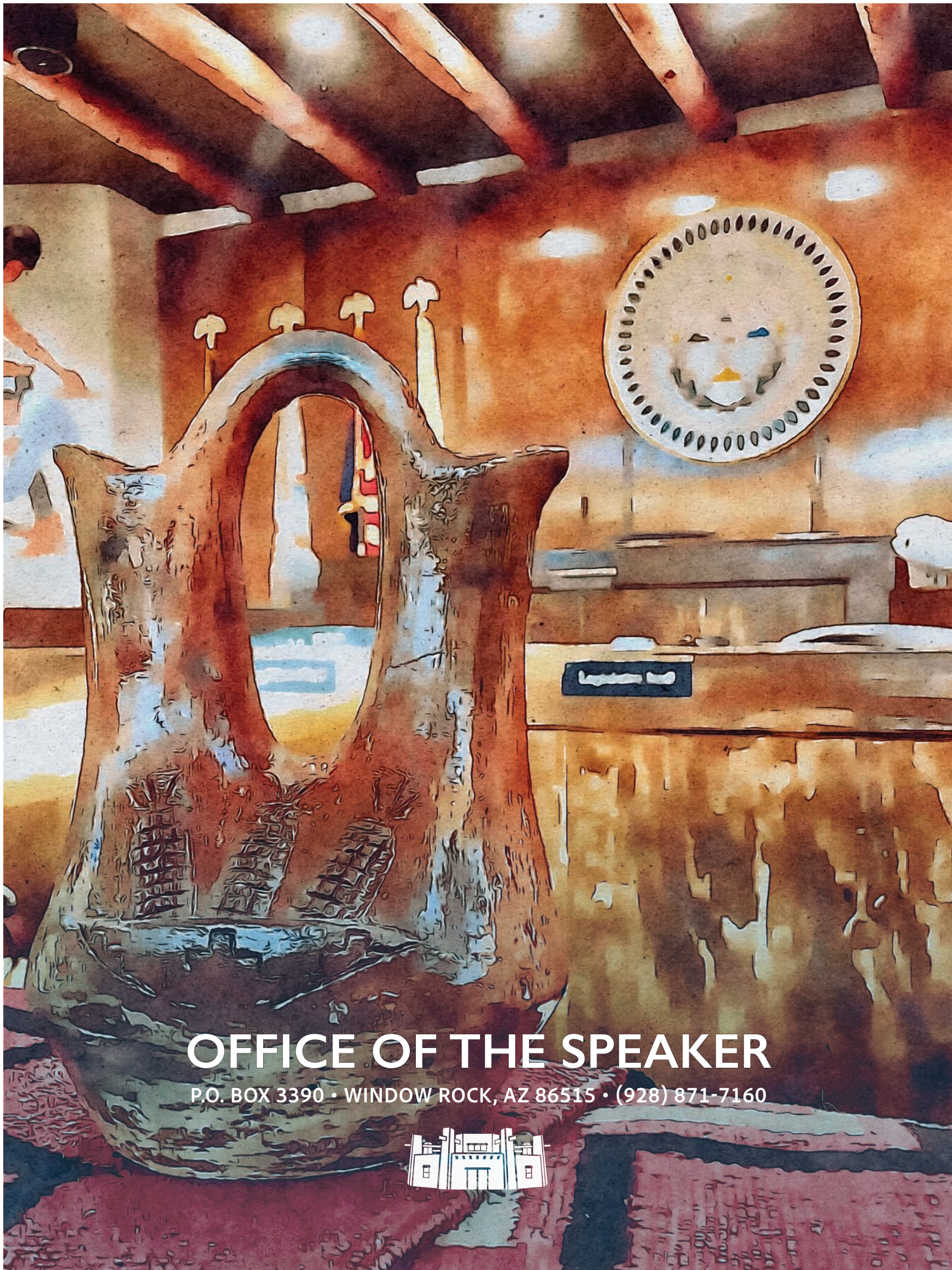
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Germaine Simonson
Danny Simpson
Curtis Yanito
Cherilyn Yazzie
Lester Yazzie

Nay: 5
Arbin Mitchell
Rickie Nez
Nathan Notah
Herman Daniels, Jr.
George Tolth

Excused: 1
Otto Tso

Not Voting: 4
Helana Nez Begay
Norman M. Begay
Shaandiin Parrish
Carl R. Slater

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