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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0233-26

DATE: October 1, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CANCELLING THE 2027 NAVAJO NATION FAIR

PURPOSE: This legislation, if approved, would cancel the 2027 Navajo Nation Fair until unsafe conditions at the fairgrounds and rodeo grounds are addressed.

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: Amended
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Law & Order Committee
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Resources & Development Committee
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Naabik'íyáti' Committee
Thence
Navajo Nation Council

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

Introduced by:

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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600(A) and 601(C)(1).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources and its subordinate departments, including the Navajo Nation Fair Office. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500(A) and 501(C)(1).
- C. A proposed resolution that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the standing committees having authority over the subject matter and to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).
- D. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation Fair is held each September at the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds in Window Rock, Arizona, and draws high attendance over multiple days, including for the rodeo events held at the fairgrounds rodeo grandstand.
- B. The Navajo Nation Fair is planned and conducted by the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources.
- C. The Navajo Nation Council has cancelled the Navajo Nation Fair before. Through Resolution CJY-54-20, which the Council passed on July 1, 2020 by a vote of 19 in favor and 2 opposed and which the President signed into law on July 12, 2020, the Council cancelled the Navajo Nation Fair, the Fourth of July Celebration, and all other fairs, rodeos, and roping events on the Navajo Nation during 2020 to protect the Navajo People from the spread of COVID-19.
- D. On September 1, 2026, the Law and Order Committee was informed of serious concerns regarding the safety of the rodeo grandstand at the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds.
- E. On September 4, 2026, the Law and Order Committee met with first responders and requested their emergency plan for the rodeo grandstand. After receiving a verbal report, the Law and Order Committee requested a written report, which was provided and forwarded to the entire 25th Navajo Nation Council with recommendations to cancel the rodeo. The written report dated September 4, 2026 from the Deputy Chief of Police is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- F. The report received by the Law and Order Committee raised concerns regarding the safety of the rodeo grandstand.
- G. The Law and Order Committee is concerned that the limited manpower available to first responders, together with the known unsafe conditions at the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds, leaves the Navajo Nation unable to adequately protect the large crowds that attend the Navajo Nation Fair. The other Fairgrounds buildings should also be examined to determine their structural safety.
- H. The Navajo Nation Council finds that cancelling the 2027 Navajo Nation Fair until the unsafe conditions of the rodeo grandstand and the buildings at the Navajo Nation

1 Fairgrounds are addressed is necessary to protect the safety of the Navajo People and
2 the visitors who attend the Navajo Nation Fair.

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4 **SECTION THREE. CANCELLING THE 2027 NAVAJO NATION FAIR**

5 The Navajo Nation hereby cancels the 2027 Navajo Nation Fair, including the rodeo and
6 all other events that would ordinarily be held at the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds in Window
7 Rock, Arizona as part of the 2027 Navajo Nation Fair.

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9 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

10 This Action shall become effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221(B) and 2 N.N.C. §
11 1005(C)(10) and (11).