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**RESOLUTION OF HARDROCK CHAPTER HRC 2026/02-01**  
**RESOLUTION STATING CONCERNS, DISAPPOINTMENT AND DISAPPROVAL OF**  
**THE OFFICE OF NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT REFORM PROPOSAL**  
**TO SUPERSEDE LGA AND OTHER MAJOR CHANGES WITHIN THE NAVAJO**  
**NATION GOVERNMENT.**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Navajo Nation Council by Resolution CS-34-98 enacted the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act and codified it under Title 26 of the Navajo Nation code; and
2. Pursuant to Title 26 NNC, Section B-1&2, the purpose of the Local Governance Act is to recognize at the local level and to delegate to the chapter government with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Nation laws including custom and tradition and make decision over local matters, and
3. The Hardrock Chapter is barely learning through a notice "Call to the Chapters" (see attachment as Exhibit A) that the Office of Navajo Government Development (the Office) has developed and presenting a government reform proposal since July 2025 and has set March 6, 2026 deadline for public comment, and
4. The chapter and its officials are not aware of the proposal which will have a major impact on the governance of the chapter and its residence, their lifestyle, including their custom and tradition; and
5. The Office is planning on placing the proposal on the November 2026 ballot as a referendum question; and
6. The chapter is just now informed that the proposal is 108-page document seeking to restructure all aspects of the Navajo Nation government, including the Navajo Nation Governance Act, the chapters have been working with since 1989; and
7. The chapter and its officials had no knowledge of these hearings and did not participate in the hearings held by the Office and had no knowledge of the proposal.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED.**

The Hardrock Chapter hereby requests the Navajo Nation, through the Council (RDC), Department of Justice and the Election Office to stop the Government Development Office from making further efforts to place the government reform proposal on the November 2026 election ballot.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Hard Rock Chapter at a duly called meeting in Hardrock, Navajo Nation, Arizona, at which a quorum of Chapter



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members was present and that the same was passed by a voted 21 in favor, 5 opposed and 16 abstained this **18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.**

Motioned: Lorraine Herder Seconded: Velma Bekis

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