



**TOADLENA / TWO GREY HILLS CHAPTER**

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**RESOLUTION  
TDLA/TGH 26-02-19-16**

**OBJECTING TO THE OFFICE OF NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT (ONGD) EXPEDITED  
REFORM PROPOSAL; DEMANDING LEGALLY SUFFICIENT REVIEW AND NON-CONFLICTED  
INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Toadlena/Two Grey Hills Chapter is a Navajo Nation Chapter, in a Chapter system which has been used since 1933 as the primary community forum for deliberation, consensus and petitioning without autonomous power and which remain in a state of enforced non-autonomy by the Central Government, whether or not the Chapter is certified or non-certified, awaiting the full restoration of the local autonomy and home rule exercising *Naachidi Nahat'a'* hoped for by the 1995 proposal of the Local Empowerment Initiative; AND
2. Because the Navajo Nation Department of Justice (DOJ) strongly objected to the proposal's emphasis on local autonomy, in 1998 the Local Governance Act (LGA) was enacted instead, which has been a system of demoralizing forever condition, like being told you can own your own home, but only after you spend your life maintaining the property, and if you miss even one day of janitorial work (any clerical error), you have "proven" you aren't ready for ownership justifying more and more restriction; AND
3. We are tired of this administrative treadmill and yes, we believe the LGA is broken does need fixing, but so far no one has asked us; not the DOJ which has been imposed on us as the "principal legal advisor", nor the Office of Navajo Government Development which has the task in its plan of operation of empowering Chapter's through offering proposals that "enhance, honor & comply" with Dine' bi beenahaz'aani Bitse Silei at N.N.C. Subsection 201 – 206 (CD-92-20, Dec 23, 2020); AND

**Stanley Hardy**  
President



**Linda M. Johnson**  
Vice-President



**Lolita Spencer**  
Secretary / Treasurer



**Derry Lewis**  
Grazing Officer



**Amber K. Crotty**  
Council Delegate

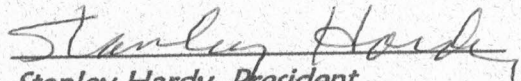
4. We have long known of DOJ's effort to "tweak" the LGA along the line of its historical objection to local autonomy; we only recently learned of the ONGD's intent to "supersede" the Local Governance Act in its entirety and permanently separate Chapter's from the Navajo Nation property & resources, without notifying Chapter's of this intent, without convening any Chapter hearings, and while making available only 48 pages of a 108 page comprehensive reform document; AND
5. Office of Navajo Government Development's proposal is intended to be rushed onto the November 03, 2026 ballot as a Referendum question; it calls itself *Diyin Nohookaa Dine'e Bi Beehaz'aani Silei; - the Collective Will* but contain nothing but man-made law, perhaps it is simply using that name in order to technically comply with the condition in its plan of operation; AND
6. The ONGD has set March 06, 2026 as the final deadline for public input on its document, a date which cannot easily be found as it is not on its main website, yet is apparently the FINAL dated for public input before the document is internally revised and prepared for certification by the Navajo Election Board by May; it appear ONGD want to bypass all normal review, including Council consideration and majority Chapter approval required under 26 N.N.C Subsection 1(E); AND
7. Our principal legal advisor, the DOJ, has known of the ONGD's massive effort that include Chapter restructure at least since the November 25, 2025 special work session of the Resource & Development Committee (RDC) which discussed ONGD's document; AND
8. We believe the DOJ is unable to act as our principal legal advisor especially in this case because there exist an inherent structural conflict of interest in the DOJ simultaneously reporting to the Central Government and having to defend and provide amendment in keeping with Central Government initiative; AND
9. We have so many questions –how can we respond to a 108 page document for which only 48 pages are available; how can a March 6 public input deadline before a document of that size is placed on Referendum within 8 months even be acceptable under Navajo statutory law and especially Dine' Fundamental Law, and why the race toward Referendum of a document we are told emphasize business and investors and addresses Dine' Nihí Keyah as a "commodity"; AND
10. We believe that Navajo Election Board's Resolution BOESS-070-14, which require each Referendum question be single subject and not multiple subject that would confuse Voters, ought to prevent certification of largely unknown and unexamined content to be raced to ballot as a single Referendum question.

## NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Toadlena/Two Grey Hills Chapter demand that ONGD immediately release the 108 page proposal to be considered by the Navajo Nation Council and subjected to a formal, legally sufficient legislative review process pursuant to 26 N.N.C Subsection 1(E) .
2. We believe that DOJ is conflicted and unable to properly safeguard the local governance interest of Chapter's, due to its inherent structural conflict and as shown by its failure to disclose the ONGD's strategy to supersede the LGA.
3. We demand that the Navajo Nation Council immediately appropriate emergency fund or allow use of fund for the 110 Chapters to retain Independent Special Counsel to review the amendment proposed by the DOJ Chapter Unit and the ONGD proposal.
4. We formally petition the Navajo Election Board to review the ONGD reform page proposal for compliance with Resolution BOESS-070-14.

## C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly considered by Toadlena/Two Grey Hills Chapter and moved for approval by *Mr. Ervin Johnson* and seconded by *Mrs. Stephanie A. Arthur* at a duly called meeting at Toadlena/Two Grey Hills Chapter, Navajo Nation at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 15 in favor and 0 nay on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

  
*Stanley Hardy, President*  
*Toadlena/Two Grey Hills Chapter*