



The Navajo Nation **DR. BUU NYGREN** *PRESIDENT*

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August 6, 2026

Honorable Delegates of the 25th Navajo Nation Council
25th Navajo Nation Council
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515

RE: Resolution No. CJY-39-26: 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).

Dear Honorable Delegates of the 25th Navajo Nation Council:

I am pleased to sign this Resolution changing the name of the Oak Springs Chapter to Oak / Pine Springs Chapter.

The Oak Springs Chapter adopted a resolution overwhelming in support of changing its name. There are two communities that make up this Chapter. Now both communities will be recognized in the new name: Oak Spring and Pine Springs. The members of Pine Springs are now appropriately recognized in the Chapter's name.

Congratulations to the Oak / Pine Springs Chapter! Yéego.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Dr. Buu Nygren, consisting of stylized, flowing letters.

Dr. Buu Nygren, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2026

AN ACT
RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING
THE NAME CHANGE OF THE OAK SPRINGS CHAPTER TO OAK/PINE SPRINGS
CHAPTER; AMENDING 11 N.N.C. § 10(A)

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the power to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to and enactments in the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600(A) and 601(B)(14).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the power to grant final approval for resolutions to develop and improve local government units. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500(A) and 501(B)(2)(c).
- C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to hear proposed resolutions that require final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 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. Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code establishes the governance structure for Navajo Nation Chapters.
- B. Title 26 further recognizes the certification of Navajo Nation Chapters and references 11 N.N.C. § 10, that contains the official listing of all certified chapters of the Navajo Nation.
- C. The Oak Springs Chapter has submitted Resolution OSC-111925-017, requesting the official name of the Chapter be changed to include the Pine Springs community whose residents regularly participate in and receive services from the Oak Springs Chapter.

D. The Oak Springs Chapter resolution requesting the name change is attached as **EXHIBIT A.**

SECTION THREE. APPROVING A CHANGE OF NAME FROM OAK SPRINGS CHAPTER TO OAK/PINE SPRINGS CHAPTER

The Navajo Nation hereby approves the change of name from Oak Springs Chapter to Oak/Pine Springs Chapter.

SECTION FOUR. AMENDING TITLE 11 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE

The Navajo Nation hereby amends Title 11 of the Navajo Nation Code, as follows:

**Title 11. Elections
Chapter 1. Navajo Election Code of 1990
Subchapter 1. General Provisions**

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§ 10. Election precincts; polling places; delegates

A. The election precincts, polling places and delegates for each election community are designated as follows:

* * *

Oak/Pine Springs/St. Michaels 594/5499 3 delegates

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SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE

The amendments enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).

SECTION SIX. CODIFICATION

The provisions of these amendments of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amendments in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

SECTION SEVEN. SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any provision of these amendments be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those amendments that are not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Nation.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 25th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 21 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 20th day of July 2026.



Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Speaker
25th Navajo Nation Council

7/30/2026

Date

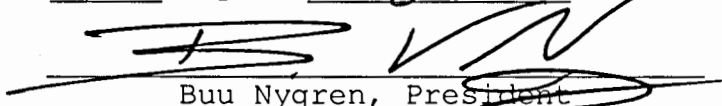
Motion: Honorable Vince R. James

Second: Honorable Nathan Notah

Speaker Crystalyne Curley not voting

ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:

1. I, hereby, sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(10), on this 6 day of August, 2026.



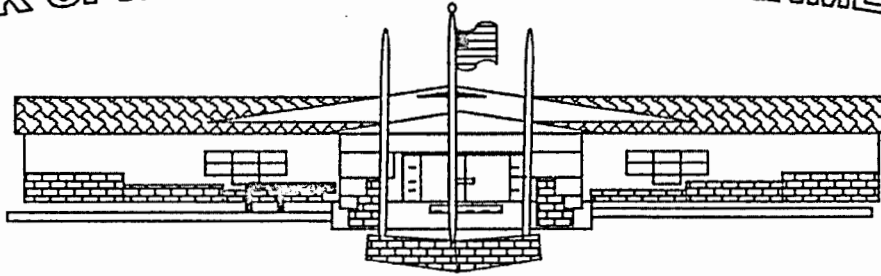
Buu Nygren, President
Navajo Nation

2. I, hereby, veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(11), on this _____ day of _____, 2026 for the reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker.

Buu Nygren, President
Navajo Nation

OAK SPRINGS CHAPTER GOVERNMENT

President
Andrew Lynch, Jr.
Vice-President
Cecilia Wauneka
Secretary/Treasurer
Elizabeth H. Kuipers
Grazing Representative
Ben Smith



EXHIBIT

A

Council Delegate
Brenda Jesus
Chapter Coordinator
Madelina Yazzie
Account Maint. Spec.
Victoria Owens

OSC-111925-017

RESOLUTION OF THE OAK SPRINGS CHAPTER

SUPPORTING AND APPROVING AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION OSC-101525-008 APPROVAL OF OAK SPRINGS CHAPTER NAME CHANGE FROM OAK SPRINGS/PINE SPRINGS CHAPTER **TO:** OAK/PINE SPRINGS CHAPTER

WHEREAS:

1. The Oak Springs Chapter is a recognized Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government; vested with certain authority and responsibilities to consider and take actions on matters of local concerns that are in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of its chapter members and residents; and
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Navajo Nation Local Governance Act, the Navajo Nation Council delegates to Chapters governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo law, including custom and tradition, to make decisions over local matters, and to govern with responsibility and accountability to the local citizens; and
3. The Oak Springs Chapter governs and presides over two communities; Oak Springs and Pine Springs; and
4. The Oak Springs Chapter acknowledges the request of the community members for Pine Springs to be recognized as part of the Oak Springs Chapter; and
5. The Oak Springs Chapter acknowledges the change will better serve Pine Springs community.

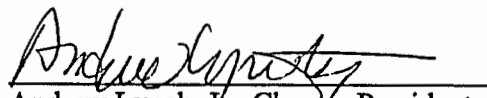
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Oak Springs Chapter hereby approves the Oak Springs Chapter name change to Oak/Pine Springs Chapter.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the community members of Oak Springs Chapter, Arizona (Navajo Nation) at a duly called chapter meeting, at which a quorum was present and the same was passed by a vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstained on this **17th day of December, 2025**.

Motioned by: Roberta Silversmith
Seconded by: Lorraine Dayea


Andrew Lynch, Jr., Chapter President
Oak Springs Chapter

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(CONSENT #2)

PASSED

MOT James, V

New Business: Item F.

SEC Notah, N

#0064-26; #0073-26; #0102-26;
#0127-26; #0171-26

Yeas : 21

Nays : 0

Excused : 1

Not Voting : 1

Yea : 21

Begay, H

James, V

Nez, R

Simpson, D

Begay, N

Jesus, B

Nez, T

Tolth, G

Charles-Newton, E

Johnson, C

Notah, N

Yanito, C

Claw, S

Mitchell, A

Parrish, S

Yazzie, C

Crotty, A

Nez, A

Simonson, G

Yazzie, L

Daniels, H

Nay : 0

Excused : 1

Tso, O

Not Voting : 1

Slater, C

Presiding Speaker: Curley, C