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March 23, 2026

Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Speaker
Office of the Speaker Navajo Nation Council
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515

RE: Resolution CMA-19-26, Relating to an Emergency for the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Council Resolution CMA-17-26, to Revise Legislative Areas 17 and 19 within the Northern Navajo Agency

Dear Honorable Speaker and Honorable Members of the 25th Navajo Nation Council:

On March 20, 2026, I signed Resolution CMA-17-26 into law, adopting a new voting apportionment plan for the Nation. Resolution CMA-19-26 immediately modifies the plan and becomes effective upon my signature today.

By signing Resolution CMA-19-26 into law, the Gadii'ahi Chapter will be in Legislative Area 17 and is excluded from Legislative Area 19. The Newcomb Chapter will be in Legislative Area 19 and is excluded from Legislative Area 17. These are the only changes to the apportionment plan that I signed into law through Resolution CMA-17-26.

The Honorable Delegates from the Northern Navajo Agency quickly identified the need for this amendment after the Council adopted the voting apportionment plan through CMA-17-26. I thank the Council for quickly acting upon this most recent amendment. We look forward to the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors updating the reapportionment map to reflect this amendment.

Election season will soon be upon us and I encourage all Navajos eligible to vote to get registered today!

Sincerely,

Dr. Buu Nygren, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

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

AN ACTION

RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY FOR THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING COUNCIL RESOLUTION CMA-17-26, TO REVISE LEGISLATIVE AREAS 17 AND 19 WITHIN THE NORTHERN NAVAJO AGENCY

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A). As such, the Council may consider proposed action regarding an emergency matter. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(16).
- B. "[M]atters constituting an emergency shall be limited to the cessation of law enforcement services, and disaster relief services, fire protection services or other direct services required as an entitlement under Navajo Nation or Federal law, or which directly threaten the sovereignty of the Navajo Nation. Such an emergency matter must arise due to the pressing public need for such resolution(s) and must be a matter requiring final action by the Council." 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(16).
- C. Immediate action is required to ensure proper administration of the upcoming Navajo Nation Election as a delay in adopting this amendment may interfere with the implementation of the Navajo Nation's Reapportionment Plan and the orderly conduct of elections, which could undermine the Navajo Nation's sovereign authority to regulate its own electoral processes.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. On March 5, 2026, the Navajo Nation Council approved the Navajo Nation Council Reapportionment Plan through Resolution No. CMA-17-26, attached as **Exhibit A**, that adopted Plan 5A as the official district map.
- B. The approved reapportionment plan establishes district boundaries for representation of the Navajo Nation Council across the agencies of the Navajo Nation.
- C. Current review by Northern Navajo Agency Council Delegates have identified the need to correct the placement of Newcomb and Gadíí'áhi Chapters within Legislative Areas 17 and 19.

- D. The upcoming Navajo Nation Election is quickly approaching, and the Navajo Election Administration must finalize legislative district boundaries in order to administer candidate filings, voter assignments, and election administration.
- E. The Navajo Nation Council finds that correcting Legislative Areas 17 and 19 is necessary to ensure proper implementation of the 2025 Navajo Nation Council Reapportionment Plan.

SECTION THREE. AMENDING THE 2025 NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN

The Navajo Nation hereby amends Resolution CMA-17-26 to revise the approved reapportionment plan, Plan 5A, as follows:

1. To exclude Gadíí'áhi Chapter from Legislative Area 19 and include it instead in Legislative Area 17; and
2. To exclude Newcomb Chapter from Legislative Area 17 and include it instead in Legislative Area 19.

SECTION FOUR. IMPLEMENTATION

The Navajo Board of Election Supervisors shall update the approved reapportionment map to reflect the amendment adopted herein.

SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 221(B) and 2 N.N.C. § 164(A) (17).

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 13 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 19th day of March 2026.



Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Speaker
25th Navajo Nation Council

3/20/2026

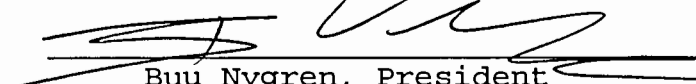
Date

Motion: Honorable Carl R. Slater
Second: Honorable Casey Allen Johnson

Speaker Crystalyne Curley not voting

ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:

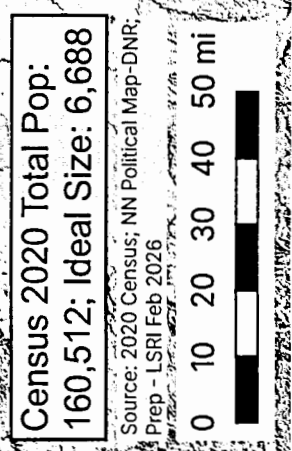
1. I, hereby, sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(10), on this 23 day of March, 2026.


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

Plan 5A



2025 Navajo Nation Council Reapportionment
Census 2020

EXHIBIT "A"

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NNC		Fort Defiance Agency		LRA Total	Diff w/ Ideal	Perc Variance
LRA	Del	Chapter	Cen 2020			
10	1	Dilkon	2,114	5,630	-1,058	-15.82%
		Teesto	846			
		Whitecone	1,237			
		Low Mountain	636			
		Indian Wells	797			
11	1	Kinlichee	1,450	7,662	974	14.56%
		Jeddito	1,197			
		Steamboat	1,160			
		Ganado	2,119			
		Greasewood Springs	1,045			
		Cornfields	691			
12	1	Klagetoh	752	5,268	-1,420	-21.23%
		Wide Ruins	816			
		Lupton	747			
		Houck	1,258			
		Nahata Dziil	1,695			
13	1	Oak Springs	505	5,608	-1,080	-16.15%
		St. Michaels	5,103			
14	1	Nashchitti	1,282	6,738	50	0.75%
		Tohatchi	1,378			
		Twin Lakes	2,100			
		Mexican Springs	1,233			
		Coyote Canyon	745			
15	1	Fort Defiance	5,034	8,629	1,941	29.02%
		Sawmill	850			
		Red Lake	2,130			
		Crystal	615			
6		Fort Defiance Agency Total:		39,535	5.91	

	NNC	Northern Navajo Agency		LRA	Diff w/	Perc
LRA	Del	Chapter	Cen 2020	Total	Ideal	Variance
16	1	Aneth	1,877	6,926	238	3.56%
		Red Mesa	1,112			
		Mexican Water	722			
		Rock Point	1,146			
		Sweetwater	1,105			
		Teecnospos	964			
17	1	Beclabito	618	5,891	-797	-11.92%
		Newcomb	557			
		Red Valley	1,171			
		Cove	345			
		Sanostee	1,500			
		Sheepsprings	698			
		Toadlena-Two Grey Hills	1,002			
18	1	Shiprock	8,287	8,287	1,599	23.91%
19	1	San Juan	476	5,754	-934	-13.97%
		Gadiiahi	473			
		Hogback	1,003			
		Nenahnezad	968			
		Burnham	197			
		Upper Fruitland	2,637			
	4	Northern Agency Total:		26,858	4.02	

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Eastern Navajo Agency				LRA Total	Diff w/ Ideal	Perc Variance
LRA	NNC Del	Chapter	Cen 2020			
20	1	Crownpoint	2,714	5,026	-1,662	-24.85%
		Nahodishgish	416			
		Standing Rock	615			
		Whiterock	87			
		Lake Valley	283			
		Becenti	496			
		Whitehorse Lake	415			
21	1	Nageezi	948	6,392	-296	-4.43%
		Counselor	773			
		Ojo Encino	549			
		Huerfano	2,352			
		Pueblo Pintado	322			
		Torreón	1,448			
22	1	Churchrock	3,256	8,365	1,677	25.07%
		Breadsprings	909			
		Iyanbito	1,283			
		Smith Lake	895			
		Mariano Lake	833			
		Pinedale	1,189			
23	1	Rock Springs	1,118	7,275	587	8.78%
		Tsayatoh	651			
		Manuelito	248			
		Red Rock	2,110			
		Chichiltah	1,566			
		Ramah	1,582			
24	1	Littlewater	401	6,742	54	0.81%
		Casamero Lake	511			
		Baca - Prewitt	726			
		Thoreau	1,385			
		Alamo	2,133			
		Tohajiilee	1,586			
5		Eastern Navajo Agency Total:		33,800	5.05	

24	TOTAL:	160,512	6,688	Stan Dev:	53.87%
			IDEAL		

Source: Census 2020 AIAN Population;
Data Analysis & Prep by LSRI, > May 2025;
Modules Modified - February 2026

8,629	LRA 15	Highest
5,026	LRA 20	Lowest
3,603	Difference	

2025 Navajo Nation Council Reapportionment Census 2020

Total Pop: 160,512; Ideal Size: 6,688

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NNC		Western Navajo Agency		LRA	Diff w/ Ideal	Perc Variance
LRA	Del	Chapter	Cen 2020	Total		
1	1	Lechee	1,491	6,336	-352	-5.26%
		Kaibeto	1,884			
		Coppermine	523			
		Tonalea	2,438			
2	1	Inscription House	1,041	5,799	-889	-13.29%
		Navajo Mountain	580			
		Oljato	2,332			
		Shonto	1,846			
3	1	TohNaNeezDizi	8,361	8,361	1,673	25.01%
4	1	Bodaway-Gap	1,541	6,137	-551	-8.24%
		Coalmine Canyon	676			
		Cameron	911			
		Leupp	1,605			
		Tolani Lake	552			
5	1	Bird Springs	852			
		Kayenta	5,592	8,490	1,802	26.94%
		Dennehotso	1,327			
		Chilichinbeto	1,571			
5		Western Navajo Agency Total:		35,123	5.25	

NNC		Chinle Agency		LRA	Diff w/ Ideal	Perc Variance
LRA	Del	Chapter	Cen 2020	Total		
6	1	Hardrock	980	5,340	-1,348	-20.16%
		Pinon	2,641			
		Forest Lake	521			
		Rough Rock	752			
		Black Mesa	446			
7	1	Chinle	7,157	7,157	469	7.01%
8	1	Tachee-Blue Gap	1,141	5,051	-1,637	-24.48%
		Whippoorwill	1,319			
		Nazlini	1,261			
		Tselani-Cottonwood	1,330			
9	1	Many Farms	2,503	7,648	960	14.35%
		Lukachukai	1,832			
		Round Rock	1,270			
		Tsaile-Wheatfields	2,043			
4		Chinle Agency Total:		25,196	3.77	

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Navajo Nation Council Special Session

07:19:24 PM

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New Business: Item C. (MAIN)

PASSED

MOT Slater, C

Legislation #0054-25: Amending

SEC Johnson, C

Council Resolution CMA-17-26

To Revise Legislative...

Yeas : 13

Nays : 0

Excused : 4

Not Voting : 6

Yea : 13

Begay, H

Johnson, C

Nez, T

Tso, O

Charles-Newton, E

Nez, A

Parrish, S

Yazzie, C

Claw, S

Nez, R

Slater, C

Yazzie, L

Crotty, A

Nay : 0

Excused : 4

Jesus, B

Tolth, G

Notah, N

Yanito, C

Not Voting : 6

Begay, N

James, V

Simonson, G

Simpson, D

Daniels, H

Mitchell, A

Presiding Speaker: Curley, C