

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - THIRD YEAR, 2025

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;
OVERRIDING THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT'S VETO OF NAVAJO NATION
COUNCIL RESOLUTION CJY-19-25 (AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE NAVAJO
NATION CODE TO MOVE THE NAVAJO NATION YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FROM
THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH)

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation and enacts the statutory laws of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 102 and 164(A).
- B. Resolutions enacting new law, or amending existing laws, are subject to veto by the President of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(10) and (11).
- C. The Navajo Nation Council has the authority to override a resolution vetoed by the Navajo Nation President through introduction of "veto legislation" requiring a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(11).
- D. Veto legislation shall be submitted to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee before consideration by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(17).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Council Resolution CJY-19-25 was passed by the Navajo Nation Council and certified on August 1, 2025. The resolution, attached as EXHIBIT 1, is titled, "AN ACT RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE, THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL, FROM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH[.] "
- B. The Navajo Nation President vetoed Resolution CJY-19-25 on August 11, 2025, and provided a memorandum, attached as EXHIBIT 2, explaining his veto decision.

- C. The Navajo Nation Council disagrees with the President's reasons for his veto decision.
- D. Contrary to what is stated in the President's veto memorandum, passage of Resolution CJY-19-25 will lead to better efficiency to accomplish the purposes of the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council from the Executive Branch to the Legislative Branch because of the resources and guidance that the Navajo Nation Council will be able to provide to the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council.
- E. In addition, Resolution CJY-19-25 provides direct access to the Navajo Nation Council and to Council Delegates which will provide guidance and assistance to the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council.
- F. The Navajo Nation Council believes Resolution CJY-19-25 empowers the youth of the Navajo Nation.

SECTION THREE. OVERRIDING VETO

The Navajo Nation Council hereby overrides the Navajo Nation President's veto of Resolution CJY-19-25, attached as **EXHIBIT 1**.

SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this veto override shall be as provided for in 2 N.N.C. § 221(A) and (B).

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 17 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 3rd day of September 2025.


Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Speaker
25th Navajo Nation Council

9/8/2025

Date

Motion: Honorable Brenda Jesus

Second: Honorable Germaine Simonson

Speaker Crystalyne Curley not voting

RESOLUTION OF THE
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25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - THIRD YEAR, 2025



AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE, THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL, FROM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with authority over proposed resolutions on matters involving social services, health, environmental health, education, veterans, employment, and labor. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164(A) and 401(B)(6)(a).
- B. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with authority over proposed resolutions that amend, or enact new provisions to, the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164(A) and 601(B)(14).
- C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with authority over proposed resolutions that require final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164(A)(9) and 701(A)(3).
- D. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. The Navajo Nation Council reviews and approves amendments and enactments to the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. §§ 102(A) and 164(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. On April 19, 2017, the Navajo Nation Council by Resolution CAP-26-17 established the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council within 2 N.N.C. §§ 1160 - 1165. EXHIBIT 1.
- B. Resolution CAP-26-17 placed the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council under the Navajo Nation Executive Branch, with the Office of the President/Vice-President. The Office of the President/Vice President is charged with coordinating its efforts with the Judicial Branch and the Legislative Branch to

provide technical assistance and other support to the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council.

- C. It is recommended that the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council be moved from the Executive Branch to the Legislative Branch for better efficiency.
- D. The Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest of the Navajo Nation and the Navajo youth that the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council be moved from the Executive Branch to the Legislative Branch.

SECTION THREE. APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 2 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE REGARDING THE NAVAJO NATION YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Navajo Nation Council hereby amends the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council plan of operation by deleting 2 N.N.C. §§ 1160 - 1165, and approving 2 N.N.C. §§ 890 - 897, as follows:

NAVAJO NATION CODE
Title 2. Navajo Nation Government
Chapter 5. Executive Branch
Subchapter 1. Office of the President and Vice-President
~~Article 8. Navajo Nation Advisory Youth Council~~

~~§ 1160. ESTABLISHMENT~~

~~The Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council is established under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government. The Office of the President and Vice President shall coordinate technical assistance and support with the Judicial and Legislative Branches.~~

~~§ 1161. PURPOSES~~

~~The purposes of the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council shall include:~~

- ~~A. Providing policy advice to the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation, the Navajo Nation Council and the Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation Government regarding youth issues and concerns.~~
- ~~B. Identifying issues facing Navajo Nation Youth, and providing guidance and offering solutions to Navajo Nation officials concerning such issues.~~

~~C. Recommending amendments to its enabling legislation or Policies and Procedures.~~

~~§ 1162. PERSONNEL~~

~~The Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council is established under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government. The Office of the President and Vice President shall coordinate technical assistance and support with the Judicial and Legislative Branches.~~

~~§ 1163. ORGANIZATION~~

~~A. A Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council shall consist of twelve (12) members. There shall be two (2) members appointed from each of the five Agencies. Two (2) members shall be appointed at-large.~~

~~B. The Youth Advisory Council shall be recommended by the Office of Diné Youth and appointed by the President, Speaker and Chief Justice.~~

~~C. The terms of the membership shall be two years.~~

~~D. The Youth Advisory Council shall select from its members a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.~~

~~E. Youth Advisory Council members shall be 14 to 24 years old.~~

~~F. The Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council shall meet on a quarterly basis and as necessary. Designated members shall receive meals and travel expense reimbursement pursuant to the Navajo Nation laws, policies and procedures.~~

~~G. The Youth Advisory Council shall give a quarterly report to the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation, Navajo Nation Council at the regular Navajo Nation Council session, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation.~~

~~§ 1164. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT~~

~~The Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council shall operate under the oversight of the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.~~

~~§ 1165. AMENDMENTS~~

~~This enabling legislation for the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council may be amended by the Navajo Nation Council.~~

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NAVAJO NATION CODE
Title 2. Navajo Nation Government
Chapter 3. Legislative Branch
Subchapter 11. Boards and Commission

§ 890. Establishment

The Navajo Nation hereby establishes the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council ("Youth Advisory Council") within the Legislative Branch as an entity of the Navajo Nation government.

§ 891. Purposes

The purposes of the Youth Advisory Council shall include:

- A. providing policy recommendations to appropriate programs and departments within the Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Branches of the Navajo Nation Government, regarding issues and concerns affecting the Navajo youth;
- B. serving as a forum for the presentation and exchange of ideas and goals for the benefit of the Navajo youth, and offering relevant proposals to Tribal, State, Federal, and International governments and organizations, and to public and private entities;
- C. receiving reports, and performing advocacy, regarding matters affecting the Navajo youth and their families;
- D. providing leadership opportunities to the Navajo youth by providing safe and healthy guidance and mentorship;
- E. promoting Navajo culture, language, and the philosophy of Nitsakakees, Nahat'a, Iiná, and Síhasin, through K'é, in harmony with Diné Fundamental Law, inclusive of other philosophies, as appropriate; and
- F. recommending amendments to its plan of operation and relevant policies and procedures affecting Navajo Youth.

§ 892. Staffing and Organization

- A. Staffing. There is established the position of Executive Director of the Youth Advisory Council. The Executive Director shall be under the general direction of the Youth Advisory Council, subject to the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual. The Executive Director shall be authorized to oversee the daily operations of the Youth Advisory Council, coordinate hearings, analyze data, write reports, and submit findings to the Youth Advisory Council, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council. The Executive Director shall supervise the office staff to ensure timely completion of established operational goals. All personnel shall be employed and compensated in accordance with the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual.
- B. Organization. The Youth Advisory Council shall consist of 12 Members, who all must be enrolled members of the Navajo Nation and must be ages 14 years to 24 years old. Two members shall be appointed from each of the five Navajo Nation Agencies, and two "at large" members shall be appointed by the Speaker.
- C. Confirmation. Each of the 12 members shall be confirmed by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee.
- D. Terms of service. Membership terms shall be for two years, beginning upon confirmation by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee.
- E. Leadership. Members shall select a leadership model to govern meetings and other activities of the Youth Advisory Council, which model shall incorporate Diné fundamental law and K'é traditional principles.
- F. Chair and Vice-Chair. A Chair shall be selected to schedule and conduct official meetings. The Chair shall not vote on any resolution before the Youth Advisory Council, unless such vote is needed to break a tie vote. A Vice-Chair shall also be selected to perform the Chair's duties whenever the Chair is unavailable or has a conflict regarding a particular matter before the Youth Advisory Council. When serving in the place of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall not vote on any resolution before the Youth Advisory Council, unless such vote is needed to break a tie vote.
- G. Resignation. Any Member may resign at any time by giving a two-week advance written notice to the Youth Advisory Council.

§ 893. Meetings and Procedures

- A. Meetings. The Youth Advisory Council shall conduct a Regular Meeting at least once per month. At the written request of any member, at any time the Chair (or the Vice-Chair if the Chair is unavailable) may call and schedule a Special Meeting. As used herein, "meeting" or "all meetings" means both Regular Meetings and Special Meetings.
- B. Attendance. All members are required to attend all meetings, either in person or by means of remote conferencing, unless excused by the Executive Director. A member's failure to attend three meetings consecutively (including Regular Meetings and Special Meetings), without being excused by the Executive Director, shall result in automatic removal from the Youth Advisory Council.
- C. Quorum. Seven members of the Youth Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum, and all meetings shall be conducted only when a quorum is present. A quorum must be maintained at all times for the duration of all meetings, and the Chair (or Vice-Chair if the Chair is unavailable) shall stop a meeting if a quorum is lost.
- D. Voting and official action. Voting shall occur only at meetings with a quorum present. Any official action of the Youth Advisory Council shall be by resolution approved by majority vote of the members in attendance and voting at the time. Proxy votes shall not be allowed at any time for any action of the Youth Advisory Council.
- E. Meeting minutes. Draft minutes of all meetings shall be prepared within 10 calendar days after each meeting and shall be distributed to all members at least 10 working days before the next meeting. For all meetings, the minutes of the previous meeting shall be included on the Agenda for review or discussion at such meeting.
- F. Public attendance. All meetings shall be open to public attendance, except when the Youth Advisory Council approves a confidential Executive Session during any meeting. All Executive Sessions must be approved by a majority vote of the members in attendance and voting at the time. Meeting notices shall be publicly posted on an appropriate website at least 24 hours prior to any meeting.
- G. Public Participation. Any person wishing to present at any meeting shall notify the Executive Director in writing at least five business days prior to the time scheduled for the start of such meeting. Notification shall include the person's name,

address, organization represented, and a brief explanation of the topic to be presented. The time allotted for presentation, including questions and/or further public comments, shall be determined by the Chair (or Vice-Chair if the Chair is unavailable).

§ 894. Compensation for Participation

- A. All Youth Advisory Council members are considered volunteers and shall receive no compensation for their participation, or activities related to, the Youth Advisory Council. However, members shall receive dollar-for-dollar reimbursements for their authorized and documented expenses incurred in the performance of their duties for the Youth Advisory Council.
- B. Reimbursement shall be in accordance with current Navajo Nation travel policies and procedures. Reimbursement claims with sufficient documentation shall be submitted to the Executive Director, and the Office shall be responsible for paying members' reimbursement claims.

§ 895. Duties, Responsibilities, and Goals

The Youth Advisory Council shall:

- A. schedule and conduct Regular Meetings once per month, as well as Special Meetings from time-to-time, as appropriate;
- B. at least once per fiscal year quarter, provide written reports to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee (and verbal reports if so requested), with copies provided to the Speaker and other Navajo Nation programs, as appropriate;
- C. in all activities and formal actions of the Youth Advisory Council, incorporate K'é (kinship) and other Diné fundamental concepts and practices;
- D. become knowledgeable and stay informed about matters relating to the Navajo Nation and the Navajo youth;
- E. maintain open and regular communication with appropriate government programs and private entities, as appropriate, and provide relevant reports to appropriate Navajo Nation Council Standing Committees regarding issues concerning the Navajo youth;

- F. review proposed or pending legislation affecting the Navajo youth, and advocate for new legislation to benefit the Navajo youth;
- G. conduct public meetings and plan projects, programs, and/or services that will benefit the Navajo youth; and
- H. seek out and apply for funding for planned youth projects, programs, or services.

§ 896. Legislative Oversight

The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council shall have oversight authority over the Youth Advisory Council.

§ 897. Amendments

This Plan of Operation may be amended by the Navajo Nation Council upon recommendation of the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council and the Naabik'iyáti' Committee.

SECTION FOUR. CODIFICATION

The parts of this Act that amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE

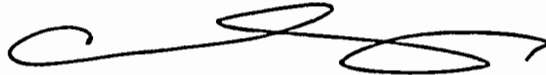
If any provision of this Act is determined invalid by final Order of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or by final Order of a District Court of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of this Act shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.

SECTION SIX. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Navajo Nation Code amendments approved herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221(B) and 2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(10).

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 20 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 22nd day of July 2025.



Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Speaker
25th Navajo Nation Council

8/1/2025

Date

Motion: Honorable Steven R. Arviso

Second: Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie

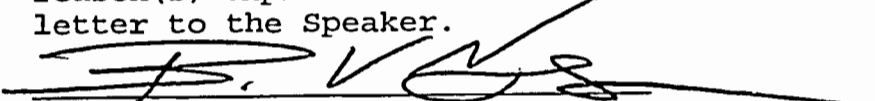
Speaker Crystalyne Curley not voting

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 _____ day of _____, 2025.

Buu Nygren, President
Navajo Nation

2. I, hereby, veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(11), on this 11 day of AUGUST, 2025 for the reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker.


Buu Nygren, President
Navajo Nation

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL --- Third Year, 2017

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; ENACTING ENABLING LEGISLATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITIES

- A. The Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. 601(B)(14), reviews and makes recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to and enactments in the Navajo Nation Code.
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, among other duties and responsibilities, generally oversees education matters within the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §400(C). In respect to its areas of oversight, the Committee further recommends to the Navajo Nation Council creation of Navajo Nation entities. 2 N.N.C. § 401(B) (3).
- C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9), the committee reviews proposed legislation which requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council.
- D. The Navajo Nation Council enacts laws and sets policy for the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. On August 21, 2016, the Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye, Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council LoRenzo C. Bates, and Justice Allen Sloan, Acting Chief Justice of the Navajo Supreme Court signed an agreement creating a Navajo Nation Ad Hoc Youth Council. Purposes for the Ad Hoc Youth Council were stated as "ensuring a constant youth voice in tribal operations while creating a forum for future advocacy of youth issues." See attached Exhibit "B."

- B. The Ad Hoc Youth Council consists of 11 appointed members.
- C. Entities of the Navajo Nation are created by the Navajo Nation Council through enactment of enabling legislation and adoption of Policies and Procedures. It is in the best interests of the Navajo Nation that a "Navajo Nation Youth Council" be established through enabling legislation and Policies and Procedures.

SECTION THREE. ENACTING ENABLING LEGISLATION FOR NAVAJO NATION YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby enacts enabling legislation for the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council as provided in Exhibit "A."
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council shall enact Policies and Procedures for the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council. Such Policies and Procedures shall be consistent with the enabling legislation approved herein.
- C. The Ad Hoc Youth Council originally established under the August 16, 2016 three-branch agreement shall operate pursuant to enabling legislation adopted herein, as well as the Policies and Procedures to be considered and adopted by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.
- D. The enabling legislation, through the Office of Legislative Counsel, shall be placed in Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code. If necessary, the Office of Legislative Counsel may redesignate section numbers.

EXHIBIT "A"

Enabling Legislation

Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council

Title 2. Navajo Nation Government

Chapter 5. Executive Branch

Subchapter 1. Office of the President and Vice-President

Article 8. Navajo Nation Advisory Youth Council

§ 1160. ESTABLISHMENT

The Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council is established under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government. The Office of the President and Vice - President shall coordinate technical assistance and support with the Judicial and Legislative Branches.

§ 1161. PURPOSES

The purposes of the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council shall include:

A. Providing policy advice to the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation, the Navajo Nation Council and the Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation Government regarding youth issues and concerns.

B. Identifying issues facing Navajo Nation Youth, and providing guidance and offering solutions to Navajo Nation officials concerning such issues.

C. Recommending amendments to its enabling legislation or Policies and Procedures.

§ 1162. PERSONNEL

The Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council is established under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government. The Office of the President and Vice - President shall coordinate technical assistance and support with the Judicial and Legislative Branches.

§ 1163. ORGANIZATION

A. A Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council shall consist of twelve (12) members. There shall be two (2) members appointed from each of the five Agencies. Two (2) members shall be appointed at large.

B. The Youth Advisory Council shall be recommended by the Office of Dine' Youth and appointed by the President, Speaker and Chief Justice.

C. The terms of the membership shall be two years.

D. The Youth Advisory Council shall select from its members a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

E. Youth Advisory Council members shall be 14 to 24 years old.

F. The Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council shall meet on a quarterly basis and as necessary. Designated members shall receive meals and travel expense reimbursement pursuant to the Navajo Nation laws, policies and procedures.

G. The Youth Advisory Council shall give a quarterly report to the President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation, Navajo Nation Council at the regular Navajo Nation Council session, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation;

§ 1164. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

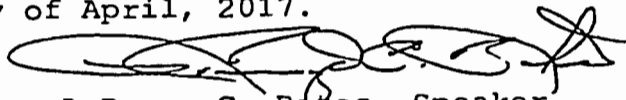
The Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council shall operate under the oversight of the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

§ 1165. AMENDMENTS

This enabling legislation for the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council may be amended by the Navajo Nation Council.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 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 15 in favor and 02 opposed, this 19th day of April, 2017.



LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker
Navajo Nation Council

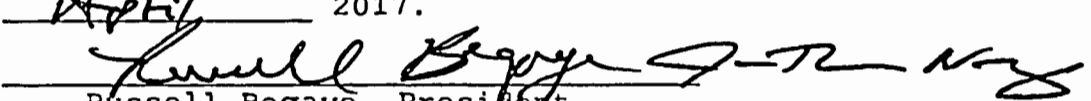
4-21-17

Date

Motion: Honorable Seth Damon
Second: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale

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 30th day of April 2017.



Russell Begaye, President
Navajo Nation

2. I hereby veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (c)(11), on this _____ day of _____ 2017 for reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker

Russell Begaye, President
Navajo Nation



**NAVAJO NATION THREE BRANCH AGREEMENT
RECOGNITION OF THE NAVAJO NATION AD HOC
YOUTH COUNCIL**

AUGUST 21, 2016

The Diné Youth are the Navajo Nation's future. We must prioritize our Youth in all areas to give them the opportunities to be successful in life, to be prepared to face their challenges and be immersed in our culture and language to carry on our Diné traditions and way of life. To identify these issues and better respond to our Youth, we must establish a mechanism that will allow the voices of the Youth to be heard. Therefore, the Branch Chiefs of the Navajo Nation agree to create a Navajo Nation Ad Hoc Youth Council.

The Navajo Nation Ad Hoc Youth Council shall apprise and provide guidance to the Three Branches on policy matters that involve the Diné Youth. The Navajo Nation Ad Hoc Youth Council will be responsible to identify issues facing our Youth. In turn, provide guidance and offer solutions for the Navajo Nation government to take appropriate action to address these critical issues.

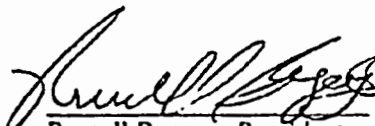
Each Region including satellite communities and urban areas shall be represented on the Navajo Nation Ad Hoc Youth Council. The Navajo Nation Ad Hoc Youth Council Members shall be appointed by the President, Vice President, Speaker and Chief Justice.

So recognized on this 21st Day of August, 2016.

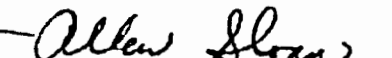
Executive Branch

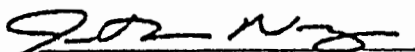
Legislative Branch

Judicial Branch


Russell Begaye, President


LoRenzo Bates, Speaker


Allen Sloan, Acting Chief Justice


Jonathan M. Nez, Vice President

RCS# 740

NAVAJO NATION

NNC Spring Session

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Amd# to Amd#

Legislation 0019-17;
Enacting Enabling Legislation
for the Navajo Nation Youth
Advisory Council

PASSED

MOT Damon
SEC Hale

Yea : 15

Nay : 2

Not Voting : 5

Yea : 15

Begay, K
Brown
Chee
Crotty

Damon
Daniels
Hale
Jack

Perry
Phelps
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Tso

Tsosie
Witherspoon
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Nay : 2

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Begay, S

Not Voting : 5

Bates
Begay, NM

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Pete
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NAVAJO NATION

Navajo Nation Council 2025 Summer Session

7/22/2025

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Amd# to Amd# New Business: Item A. (CONSENT)
MOT Arviso, S #0066-25; #0044-25; #0050-25;
SEC Yazzie, C #0068-25; #0100-25; #0167-25

PASSED

Yeas : 20

Nays : 0

Excused : 2

Not Voting : 1

Yea : 20

Arviso, S	Crotty, A	Nez, A	Slater, C
Begay, H	James, V	Nez, R	Tolth, G
Begay, N	Jesus, B	Parrish, S	Yanito, C
Charles-Newton, E	Johnson, C	Simonson, G	Yazzie, C
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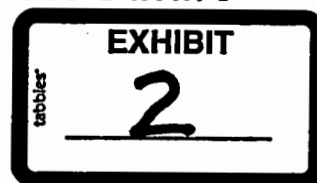
Presiding Speaker: Curley, C



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

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August 11, 2025



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

RE: CJY-19-25: An Act Relating to Health, Education and Human Services Committee, the Law and Order Committee, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code, the Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council, from the Executive Branch to the Legislative Branch

Dear Honorable Members of the 25th Navajo Nation Council:

I am vetoing Resolution No. CJY-19-25, which attempts to transfer oversight of the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council (NNYAC) from the Executive Branch to the Legislative Branch.

The NNYAC was created to serve as the official representative voice of Navajo youth, with the purpose of promoting civic engagement, cultural preservation, and youth leadership development. According to its mission, the NNYAC exists "to inspire and unify Navajo youth to be engaged citizens and leaders through the guidance of Diné values, community service, and policy advocacy."

To stay true to this mission, the NNYAC must remain within the Executive Branch, where it can receive the administrative support, guidance, and visibility needed to effectively influence policy and serve Navajo youth across the Nation. Housing the Council within the Executive Branch ensures direct communication with my office and allows the Council to participate meaningfully in cross-agency initiatives, ensuring youth voices are present in decision-making at the highest levels.

Resolution CJY-19-25 seeks to shift the NNYAC from the Executive Branch to the Legislative Branch allegedly to improve efficiency. Moving NNYAC will not improve efficiency. The voices of our young people are powerful, and they deserve structure, stability, and leadership rooted in action not just advocacy. That's why it is essential that the NNYAC needs to remain within the Executive Branch, where we can continue delivering the direct support it needs. By remaining in my office, NNYAC has direct access to the entire Executive Branch. Moving NNYAC will not increase efficiency.

In addition, moving NNYAC raises concerns about blurred institutional boundaries. My veto of Resolution No. CJY-19-25 upholds the Nation's governmental framework, ensuring that each branch maintains its distinct role. My veto recognizes the Council's duty to legislate and the Executive Branch's duty to execute the Council's legislation.

I request that the Council recognize the rationale of my veto. Instead of overriding my veto, I ask the Council to support the establishment of an Executive Director position for the NNYAC. This critical leadership role was not established when the NNYAC was created in 2017. Indeed, the Council is aware of this and proposed to create an Executive Director position for itself through vetoed Resolution No. CJY-19-25. I ask the Council to leave NNYAC in the Executive Branch and to create the Executive Director position within the Executive Branch.

An Executive Director would serve as a key liaison, helping to coordinate youth-led initiatives, secure resources, and expand the Council's reach and effectiveness. An Executive Director will improve efficiency. With strong leadership and continued alignment with the Executive Branch, the NNYAC can further its mission and continue to empower future generations of Navajo leaders.

The future of the Navajo Nation lies in our youth. Let's give them more than a platform. Let's give them the tools, guidance, and investment to lead. Please recognize my veto and let's work together to ensure the NNYAC meets its full potential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Nygren", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Buu Nygren, *President*
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Amd# to Amd#	New Business: Item A. (CONSENT)	PASSED
MOT Jesus, B	#0199-25; #0200-25; #0203-25;	
SEC Simonson, G	#0193-25	
	(2/3)	

Yeas : 17

Nays : 0

Excused : 2

Not Voting : 4

Yea : 17

Begay, H	Johnson, C	Notah, N	Tolth, G
Begay, N	Mitchell, A	Parrish, S	Tso, O
Charles-Newton, E	Nez, A	Simonson, G	Yanito, C
Crotty, A	Nez, R	Simpson, D	Yazzie, L
Jesus, B			

Nay : 0

Excused : 2

Daniels, H	Claw, S
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Not Voting : 4

Yazzie, C	Slater, C	Arviso, S	James, V
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Presiding Speaker: Curley, C