



## 23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

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### Jimmy Yellowhair sworn-in as a member of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council



**PHOTO: Jimmy Yellowhair takes the oath of office as a member of the Navajo Nation Council at the Council Chamber in Window Rock, Ariz. on Nov. 28, 2018.**

**WINDOW ROCK** – On Wednesday, Jimmy Yellowhair took the oath of office administered by Navajo Nation Chief Justice JoAnn B. Jayne at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber in Window Rock, to begin his term as a member of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council representing the communities of Black Mesa, Forest Lake, Hardrock, Pinon, and Whippoorwill.

Council Delegate Jimmy Yellowhair is originally from Wolf Creek Canyon in Black Mesa. He is Honágháahnii Tó'áhani (One-Walks Around – Near the Water Clan) and born for Tódich'ii'nii (Bitter Water Clan). His maternal grandfather is Áshj̄hi (Salt People Clan) and his paternal grandfather is Hashk'aa hadzohí (Yucca Fruit-Strung-Out-In-A-Line Clan).

Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland) officially appointed Delegate Yellowhair to serve out the remainder of the current Council term, which will end in January. Speaker's appointment was based on a majority of resolutions passed by the five chapters, who recommended Delegate Yellowhair to fill the vacancy of Dwight Witherspoon, who resigned as a council delegate earlier this month.

Delegate Yellowhair previously served with the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch Office of the Courts in Window Rock, where he supervised the accounting and related financial services, monitored budget expenditures, and prepared financial reports.

Speaker Bates said he is confident that Delegate Yellowhair will serve well in the best interest of his communities considering his knowledge and experience. He will also serve as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee.

"On behalf of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council, I welcome Mr. Yellowhair and look forward to working with him," stated Speaker Bates.

Council Delegate Jimmy Yellowhair will assume all duties and responsibilities immediately.

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