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Nez-Lizer approve Title II amendment to promote public participation in government

WINDOW ROCK – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer signed Resolution CJY-25-19 on July 24, which amends Title 2, section 403 of the Navajo Nation Code to change the regular meeting day for the Navajo Nation Council’s Health, Education, and Human Services Committee from Monday to the amended day of Wednesday, with the exception of the first Wednesday of every month. The bill was approved by the 24th Navajo Nation Council on July 16.

“I applaud the Health, Education, and Human Service Committee for seeking this change, which the Nez-Lizer Administration believes will increase public participation and interest in the legislative process,” said President Nez. “Many of our Navajo citizens have interest in participating in government and we are hopeful that this change will accommodate more of our people so they may be able to attend more committee meetings.”



PHOTO: Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez during the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee meeting on July 1, 2019 in Window Rock, Ariz.

He added that citizen participation is a process that allows the opportunity to influence decisions and to be critical components of the decision-making process.

“It is our hope that this change in law will be the start of more positive changes and proposals to make our government more efficient and effective and more welcoming for our citizens,” added

President Nez. “We would welcome legislation to overhaul the outdated practices and policies that hinder productivity and results.”

For the Health, Education, and Human Service Committee, Council Delegate Daniel E. Tso serves as the chair, Charlaine Tso serves as the vice chair, and the remaining members include Paul Begay, Pernell Halona, and Edison J. Wauneka.

“Working together to create an efficient legislative process will help many individuals, families, and communities by allowing more public participation to help us better understand what the priorities of the people are and holding everyone accountable,” said Vice President Lizer.

The Nez-Lizer Administration appreciates the initiatives and partnership of the 24th Navajo Nation Council in moving our Nation forward.

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