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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Speaker Morgan secures Gov. Napolitano's support of \$2.26 million funding for new Dilkon Court facility

PHOENIX – Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan (Iyanbito/Pinedale) saved the day by asserting Tuesday, April 10 to Gov. Janet Napolitano and staff members that he wanted the Navajo Nation to receive the \$2.26 million funding for a new Dilkon Court facility.

Speaker Morgan, along with his Chief of Staff, Dr. James J. Davis Jr.; legislative advisers, Cheron Watchman and Philip Kinlichee, met with Gov. Napolitano, her Chief of Staff Alan Stephens and her Tribal Affairs Policy Adviser, Marnie Hodahkwen. In attendance were the three Navajo Nation Governmental Branch Lead Representatives such as Navajo Nation Chief Justice Herb Yazzie and Navajo Nation Vice-President Ben Shelly. In addition, select members of the Navajo Nation Council Judiciary Committee attended to provide additional support.

Speaker Morgan spoke up on behalf of having the full \$2.26million funding for the Dilkon Court facility.

Speaker Morgan and his legislative staff met with Stephens and Hodahkwen and were told that Gov. Napolitano likes the idea of providing the Navajo Nation funding for the Dilkon Court, and she gives her full support.

The funding legislation for the Dilkon facility was sponsored by Sen. Albert Hale (D-District 2) passed the Senate Appropriations Committee Feb. 27, 2007.

Sen. Hale spoke on the bill requesting for the full \$2.26 million funding, and the bill is scheduled to go through the budgeting process.

The Navajo Nation leaders will know a few weeks when the \$2.26 million will be granted for the Dilkon Court facility.