

**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
NAVAJO NATION  
Window Rock, Arizona**



**HONORABLE ALTON JOE SHEPHERD**  
*Cornfields, Ganado, Steamboat, KinDahLichii, Jeddito*  
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**FROM THE DESK OF  
COUNCIL DELEGATE ALTON JOE SHEPHERD**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

September 30, 2015  
Window Rock, Arizona

**DELEGATE SHEPHERD PETITIONS HIS COLLEAGUES FOR A SPECIAL SESSION  
TO ADDRESS LEGISLATION 0284-15, RATIFYING RESTATED FEDERAL CHARTER FOR THE  
NAVAJO NATION OIL AND GAS COMPANY**

**Window Rock, Arizona** – On September 30, 2015, Honorable Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd, (Cornfields, Ganado, Steamboat, Kin Dah Lichii and Jeddito) who serves as Chair of the Resources & Development Committee, introduced a petition to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council for Monday, October 5, 2015 to have the Navajo Nation Council convene and conduct a Special Session at 10:00 a.m., in the Navajo Nation Council Chambers, Window Rock, Navajo Nation (AZ), pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §162(B).

This legislation will ratify the current Navajo Nation Oil and Gas Company (NNOGC) Federal Charter. Delegate Shepherd stated, “I realize this is a politically influenced matter that will have the current NNOGC Board of Directors to lobby against the legislation, BUT I know this corporation has the potential to be a One Billion Dollar Company, do we maintain status quo or do we bring change and accountability.”

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Navajo Nation Council established the Navajo Transitional Energy Company (NTEC), which is structured of limiting politics from business on the Navajo Nation. The approval of this legislation does not impugn the countless efforts of prior leadership, but rather negates the political influences and provides compliance outlined in the federal charter for NNOGC.

Delegate Shepherd is thankful and appreciates his colleagues’ signatures to petition for a Special Session. This is a very important matter that is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to promote accountability, streamline, and checks & balances.

The agenda will be forthcoming, as of September 30, 2015 at 3:10 p.m. delegate Shepherd was able to secure the necessary signatures of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council for a special session of the Navajo Nation Council.

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