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Transportation and Community Development Committee certifies Kayenta Chapter as the 12th LGA Certified Chapter

KAYENTA, Ariz. — Kayenta Chapter is the 12th Local Governance Act Certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation. On August 6, the Transportation and Community Development Committee granted certification status with 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

Kayenta Chapter now has the authority to exercise local governance using the Five Management System Policies and Procedures, which means that the chapter will control its own accounting, procurement, record keeping, personnel, and property management.

As well, the chapter has the capacity to administer business sites, enforcing community taxes that will be used for the Kayenta community and exercise supervisory control of local matters, while being consistent with Navajo Nation laws.

The Transportation and Community Development Committee (TCDC) introduced Kayenta Chapter with a \$160,000 check, after the certification. The check will assist with further development of the community.

"I would like to first say congratulations to the entire community of Kayenta Chapter," said Stanley Clitso, president of Kayenta Chapter. "Our chapter now joins the elite and prestigious few chapters that have been bestowed this recognition, with that our work continues and we do not intend to hinder the will of the community to grow and prosper."

Kayenta community is closer to achieving the community's dreams of quicker, more efficient and effective services. Through public hearings, the community has created a plan of action that encompasses a better economy, better social status with residents and visitors, and one day aspires to be a premier community on the Navajo Nation.

Lawrence T. Morgan, Speaker of the 21st Navajo Nation Council, said to the public, "This is the 12th community that has made the decision to become a uniformed aspiration for the non-LGA certified chapters. The community's voice is important to this new direction, so attending Chapter meetings is mandatory. I am proud of this community."

"I would like to thank my administrative staff, co-officials, chapter committees, Local Governance Support Center Fort Defiance and Tuba City, the Auditor General, the Department of Justice, the Navajo Division of Community and Government Development, TCDC, Nahata Consulting, and all those who supported this effort: Ahe'hee!," added Clitso.

Kayenta Chapter, like all other local governance act (LGA) certified chapters, will undergo a review by the Office of Auditor General, one year after LGA certification.

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