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25th Navajo Nation Council's Naa'bik'iyáti' Committee advances legislations to be considered during Fall Council Session



PHOTO: During a regular meeting of the 25th Navajo Nation Council's Naa'bik'iyáti' Committee held on Thursday, Oct. 12, the Committee approved four legislations that will move forward to the 2023 Fall Council Session agenda.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Today, the 25th Navajo Nation Council's Naa'bik'iyáti' Committee approved 17 legislations with the Naa'bik'iyáti' Committee serving as the final authority and moved four legislations forward to the upcoming 2023 Fall Council Session.

"I'd like to thank my colleagues for sponsoring and acting on the legislations that were deliberated by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee today as they impact ARPA Chapter Fiscal Recovery Projects, infrastructure, education, scholarships and student housing, the Diné Marriage Act of 2005, and establishing the positions of the Navajo Nation on important federal issues," said 25th Navajo Nation Council Speaker Crystalyne Curley.

The Naa'bik'iyáti' Committee served as final authority for the following 17 legislations:

- **LEGISLATION 0226-23:** An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Amending CMY-36-23, The Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Delegate Region Project Plan for Honorable Cutis Yanito's Delegate Region (Chapters: Mexican Water, To'łikan, Tees Nos Pos, Aneth, Red Mesa), To Include Additional Projects for This Delegate Region

- LEGISLATION 0229-23: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Approving the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Delegate Region Project Plan for Honorable Rickie Nez's Delegate Region (Chapters: T'iistoh Sikaad, Nenahnezad, Upper Fruitland, Tse' Daa' Kaan, Newcomb, San Juan)
- LEGISLATION 0233-23: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Amending CJY-53-23 and CAP-20-23, the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Delegate Region Project Plan for Honorable Nathan Notah's Delegate Region (Chapters: Coyote Canyon, Mexican Springs, Naschitti, Tohatchi, Bahastl'a'a'), to Include Additional Projects for this Delegate Region
- LEGISLATION 0237-23: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Amending CJY-55-23 and CAP-19-23 and CD-68-22, The Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Delegate Region Project Plan for Honorable Andy Nez, Ph.D.'s Delegate Region (Chapters: Crystal, Fort Defiance, Red Lake, Sawmill), to Include Additional Projects for this Delegate Region
- LEGISLATION 0216-23: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Concurring with the Navajo Nation President to Accept a Donation of \$15,000.00 to the Navajo Nation Boys and Girls Club of Diné Youth from the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's Native American Endowment Fund.
- LEGISLATION 0220-23: An Action Relating to the Resource and Development Committee and Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Supporting United States Senate Bill 1898, Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Plan Amendments Act of 2023
- LEGISLATION 0225-23: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Concurring with the Navajo Nation President to Accept a Donation of \$2,000.00 from Williams J. Bartley and a Donation of \$2,000.00 from Moze and Mary Meeker to the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance for the Benefit of Navajo Students Pursuing Postsecondary Education
- LEGISLATION 0228-23: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Supporting United States Senate Bill S.1751 and House Bill H.R. 4426, Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendment of 2023
- LEGISLATION 0235-23: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Supporting Advanced Appropriations and Mandatory Funding for the Indian Health Service
- LEGISLATION 0236-23: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Supporting United States Senate Bill 2970 and House Resolution 5822, Replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day
- LEGISLATION 0227-23: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Amending CAU-75-23 and CJY-57-23 and CD-67-22, the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Delegate Region Project Plan for Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty's Delegate Region (Chapters; Cove, Toadlena/Two Grey Hills, Red Valley, Tooh Haltsooi', Tse'Alnaozt'i'i', Beclabito, Gahiiahi/To'koi), To include Additional Projects for this Delegate Region
- LEGISLATION 0217-23: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Confirming the Appointment of Derrick Watchman to the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprises Board of Directors for a Four- Year Term
- LEGISLATION 0222-23: An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Confirming the Appointment of Mr. Marcus Denetdale to Serve on the Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to Fill the 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B) Position of the "Construction Management or Engineering or Business Management or Equivalent Field Experience with Background in Indian Housing or Federal Housing"

- LEGISLATION 0230-23: An Action Relating to the Budget & Finance Committee, the Resources and Development Committee and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee; Amending Exhibit A to Resolution NO. CJA- 01-21 to Change the Sawmill Chapter's 1-Ton Truck Purchase to Other Equipment
- LEGISLATION 0212-23: An Action Relating to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee; Appointing the Naabik'íyáti' Committee Representatives to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee Title II Reform Subcommittee
- LEGISLATION 0208-23: An Action Relating to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Amending CJY-65-23 and CMY-42-23, the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Delegate Region Project Plan for Honorable Danny Simpson's Delegate Region (Chapters: Becenti, Lake Valley, Nahodishgish, Standing Rock, Whiterock, Huerfano, Nageezi, Crownpoint), to Include Additional Projects for this Delegate Region
- LEGISLATION 0215-23: An Action Relating to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Amending CJY-67-23, The Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Delegated Region Project Plan for Honorable George H. Tolth's Delegated Region (Chapters: Littlewater, Pueblo Pintado, Torreon, Whitehorse Lake, Baca/Prewitt, Casamero Lake, Ojo Encino, Counselor), To Include Additional Projects for this Delegate Region

The Naa'bik'íyáti' Committee approved the following four legislations that will move forward to the 2023 Fall Session Council agenda:

- LEGISLATION 0202-23: An Act Relating to the Law and Order Committee, Resources and Development Committee, Naabik'íyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code to Allow for Virtual Attendance at Chapter Meetings
- LEGISLATION 0203-23: An Act Relating to the Law and Order, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Navajo Nation Procurement Act as 12 N.N.C. §301- §307 and Amending the Navajo Nation Business Opportunity Act 5 N.N.C. §201 - §215
- LEGISLATION 0231-23: An Action Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council: Approving \$3,000,000 From the Síhasin Fund to Navajo Preparatory School for a New Student Housing Building; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan
- LEGISLATION 0232-23: An Action Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$2,130,804 From the Síhasin Fund for Coyote Canyon Rehabilitation Center, Inc. for New Modular Building and Infrastructure; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan

Notably, the Naa'bik'íyáti' Committee voted 13 in favor and 6 opposed to table Legislation 0139-23, repealing 9 N.N.C. § 2(C) of the Dine Marriage Act of 2005, to Uniformly Recognize All Marriages Within the Navajo Nation; and Amending Other Provisions in Title 9 of the Navajo Nation Code Related to Marriage Within the Navajo Nation. The tabling motion included language calling for a work session to be held within 30 days.

“The process of coming together and hearing the Council Delegates views on how these legislations impact the lives of our Navajo people and communities provides critical guidance

as these legislations either move forward to Council or are approved for final authority by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee," said Speaker Curley. "We look forward to a productive 2023 Fall Council Session next week and invite our communities to attend in person or to view online."

The 2023 Navajo Nation Fall Council Session will begin on Monday, Oct. 16, at 10:00 a.m. (MDT). The 2023 Fall Council Session can be viewed virtually on the Navajo Nation Council's YouTube page @NavajoNationCouncil.

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