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Naabik'íyáti' Committee supports continued tribal status for Navajoland Nursing Home, ensuring sovereign healthcare



Legislation 0078-25 authorizes the Navajoland Nursing Home to continue contracting with the U.S. Indian Health Service under Title I and Title V of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On June 12, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee voted unanimously to approve Legislation No. 0078-25 granting the Navajoland Nursing Home, Inc. an additional four-year designation as a “tribal organization” under federal law. This legal designation enables the facility to access critical federal funds and maintain its role as a Native-led provider of assisted living, hospice, and long-term care services.

Sponsored by Delegate Curtis Yanito and reviewed by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHSC), the resolution authorizes the Navajoland Nursing Home to continue contracting with the U.S. Indian Health Service (IHS) under Title I and Title V of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638).

Yanito later added, “The continued designation of Navajoland Nursing Home as a tribal organization reflects our Nation’s trust in community-led care. These services are rooted in our values of respect for elders, and through 638 contracting, we ensure they receive culturally appropriate care with the highest standards of sovereignty.”

The legislation extends the nursing home's tribal status from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2029, and is contingent on compliance with federal financial and procurement standards. The designation also affirms the facility's eligibility for self-governance compacts and its ability to continue direct negotiations with IHS on behalf of the Navajo people.

The legislative action passed unanimously with a vote of 19 in favor and none opposed, with final approval authority resting with the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

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