

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - THIRD YEAR, 2021

AN ACTION
RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'
AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT OF DESIREE
RENAE CASEY AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. Under the laws of the Navajo Nation, any enrolled member of the Navajo Nation may renounce [her] membership by written petition to the President of the Navajo Nation requesting that his name be stricken from the Navajo Nation roll. See 1 N.N.C. § 705 (Renunciation of membership).
- B. The Navajo Nation in addition states, "[n]o person, otherwise eligible for membership in the Navajo Nation, may enroll as a member of the Navajo Nation, who, at the same time, is on the roll of any other tribe of Indians." See 1 N.N.C. § 703 (Member of another tribe).
- C. Renounced members may be reinstated by the Navajo Nation only by the vote of majority of the Navajo Nation Council. See 1 N.N.C. § 705 (Renunciation of membership).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records confirmed Desiree Renae Casey was enrolled with the Navajo Nation on September 9, 1996, and provided an enrollment number. See **Exhibit A**.
- B. The Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records confirmed Desiree Renae Casey petitioned for relinquishment from the Navajo Nation through the Navajo Nation 164 Review Process as she was also enrolled with the San Juan Southern Paiute tribe. See Document # 011872 as **Exhibit B**.
- C. The Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records has further confirmed Desiree Renae Casey is three-eighths (3/8) degree Navajo blood and therefore, she is eligible to enroll as a member of the Navajo Nation. 1 N.N.C. § 701(B). See **Exhibit A**.
- D. Desiree Renae Casey has formally requested reinstatement into the Navajo Nation. See letter dated May 6, 2021, as **Exhibit C**.

- E. The San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe has confirmed Desiree Renae Casey formally relinquished her San Juan Southern Paiute tribal membership on August 9, 2019. See San Juan Southern Paiute Tribal Resolution 2019-100 and Relinquishment Statement as Exhibits D and E.

SECTION THREE. RE-ENROLLMENT

Desiree Renae Casey shall be reinstated, or otherwise re-enrolled, as a member of the Navajo Nation. By this action of the Navajo Nation Council and pursuant to the laws of the Navajo Nation, she shall be entitled to all rights, benefits and privileges associated with membership with the Navajo Nation.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 24th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 21 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 22nd day of July 2021.


Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker
24th Navajo Nation Council

July 27, 2021
DATE

Motion: Honorable Nathaniel Brown
Second: Honorable Thomas Walker, Jr.

Speaker Seth Damon not voting


THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



MEMORANDUM

TO: Office of Legislative Counsel
Legislative Branch
Navajo Nation

FROM: 
Ronald D. Duncan, Program Manager I
Navajo Office of Vital Records & Identification (NOVRI)

DATE: June 08, 2021

RE: Reinstatement of DR Casey

This memorandum is to verify the enrollment and subsequent relinquishment of Desiree Renae Casey, date of birth

Ms. Casey enrolled with the Navajo Nation on September 09, 1996 with enrollment number . Her blood quantum is three-eighths Navajo and one-eighth Paiute according to our records. Ms. Casey petitioned for relinquishment from the Navajo Nation through the Section 164 Review Process, #011872 with the intent to remained enrolled with the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe as she was dually enrolled with both tribes.

Relinquishment occurred on January 28, 2019. Relevant documents are attached for reference in her current request for reinstatement to the Navajo Nation.

Pursuant to Title 1 § 703, no person may enroll as a member of the Navajo Nation who is on the roll of another Indian tribe. In this instance, Ms. Casey would need to demonstrate that she has relinquished from the San Juan Southern Pauite Tribe. If this has been completed, then Ms. Casey would be eligible for reinstatement and should her request be granted, her original enrollment number would be restored to her.

Please contact me should you have any questions about this matter me at (928) 871-6883.

Attachments

c: File



Document No. 011872

Date Issued: 01/28/2019

EXECUTIVE OFFICIAL REVIEW

Title of Document: Relinquishment - DRCasey Contact Name: DEGROAT, MELISSA LYNN

Program/Division: DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Email: mldegroat@navajo-nsn.gov Phone Number: (928) 871-6386

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1-16-19

To whom it may concern:

I Desiree Casey am an enrolled member of the Navajo tribe as well as the Prairie tribe. I am requesting to be disenrolled with the Navajo tribe due to dual enrollment.
IF there are any questions you may contact me at by email at Desraecasey@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Desiree Casey



State of Arizona

County of Coconino

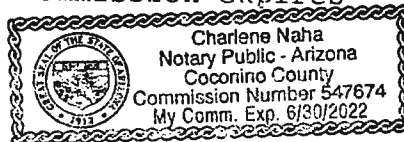
Subscribed and sworn before me this 16 day of January, 2019 by Desiree Casey.

Charlene Naha

Notary Public

June 30, 2022

My commission expires



RELINQUISHMENT OF NAVAJO NATION MEMBERSHIP

I, Desiree Renae Casey, R# _____, DOB: _____, do hereby petition the President of the Navajo Nation that my name be stricken from the Navajo Census Rolls. I am an enrolled member of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe; Tuba City, Arizona.

Subject to the acknowledgment of the Navajo Nation President, I do hereby withdraw and renounce my membership in the Navajo Nation.

I understand and agree that by executing this Relinquishment, I am forfeiting any and all rights and benefits I have, including, but not limited to, any personal or other property of any kind or character, which is based on Navajo membership. I further understand that this Relinquishment will become effective upon receipt of the Navajo Office Vital Records.

Signed at Tuba City, Arizona this 16th day of January, 2019.

Desiree Renae Casey
Desiree Renae Casey R# 338,140

P.O. Box
ADDRESS:
Tuba City, Arizona 86045

WITNESSES:

Ronald D. Duncan
NAME

P.O. Box
ADDRESS

Tuba City, AZ 86045

Desiree Casey
NAME

Box
ADDRESS

Tuba City, AZ 86045

ACKNOWLEDGED:

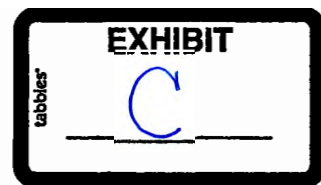
Morgan L. Sizer
President, The Navajo Nation

02/08/2019
Date Approved

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Arizona and Family Application 88-68 on February
11, 2019

Ronald D. Duncan
Ronald D. Duncan, Program Manager I
Navajo Office of Vital Records & Identification

cc: Desiree Casey PO Box 4103 Tuba City, AZ 86045
San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe Enrollment Office PO Box 2950 Tuba City, AZ 86045
Tribal Enrollment Services, Western Navajo Agency PO Box 1510 Tuba City, AZ 86045



Desiree R. Casey

P.O. Box

Tuba City, AZ 86045

/ desraecasey@gmail.com

May 6, 2021

To whom it may concern:

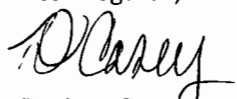
Hello, my name is, Desiree Casey. Please allow this letter to serve as justification to reinstate my tribal enrollment with the Great Navajo Nation.

I am three fourths (3/4) Navajo and one fourth (1/4) San Juan Southern Paiute. My father is full blooded (4/4) Navajo, and my mother was half (1/2) Navajo and half (1/2) San Juan Southern Paiute. I had disenrolled from the Navajo Tribe because of dual enrollment and personal issues at the time. I was unaware of the consequences and impact this would have on me, and I soon realized I had made a big mistake. I have since dropped my tribal enrollment with the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe and now have no tribal membership with any Native American Tribes.

Today I am asking the Navajo Nation to forgive me for what I did. I meant no disrespect and regret the decision I had made. I am also asking the Navajo Nation to allow me to be enrolled once again and to be a part of the Navajo Tribe. All four (4) of my children are Navajo tribal members and I would love to be a part of that with them. I also appreciate all the benefits that are offered from the Navajo Nation and would like to have an opportunity again to have those benefits for myself and my family.

I still have my Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) from the Navajo Nation as well as other documentation in support of plea. If I am reenrolled, I promise to never disenroll again. I will stand proud as a Navajo Woman, Wife, Mother, and Grandmother for all those that may greet me. Again, I apologize for the mistake I made, and ask you take into consideration my reenrollment into the Navajo Tribe. In respect, I thank you for your time and efforts on this matter.

Best Regards,


Desiree Casey



THE NAVAJO NATION

KELSEY A. BEGAYE
PRESIDENT

TAYLOR McKENZIE, M.D.
VICE PRESIDENT

UNACCEPTABLE IF ALTERED

CERTIFICATE OF NAVAJO INDIAN BLOOD

PART A (To be used if applicant is enrolled)

TUBA CITY
AGENCY

August 10, 2001
DATE

I certify that Desiree Renae Casey is listed on the Navajo Indian Census Roll, date January 01, 1940, which is an official record of this office as being of 1/2 degree Navajo Indian blood, with Roll Number , date of birth .

RECORDED: September 09, 1996

VITAL STATISTICS MANAGER
VST/

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS DOCUMENT
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THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE
PRESIDENT

JONATHAN NEZ
VICE PRESIDENT

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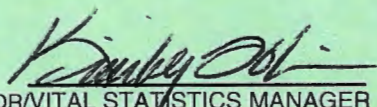
PART A (To be used if applicant is enrolled)

WESTERN
AGENCY

APRIL 19, 2018
DATE

I certify that STANLEY MANYGOATS Is listed on the Navajo Indian Census Roll, dated
JANUARY 01, 1940, Which is an official record of this office as being of 4/4 Degree Navajo
Indian blood, with Roll Number, , Date of birth .

Recorded: FEBRUARY 14, 1963


FOR/VITAL STATISTICS MANAGER
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*San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe
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**Resolution of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe Accepting the Request of Desiree Casey
for Relinquishment of Enrollment in the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-100

WHEREAS: The San Juan Southern Paiute Tribal Council ("Council") is authorized to represent the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe ("Tribe") and act on all matters that concern the health and welfare of the Tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to the Constitution of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, as provided by Article V (a) of the Constitution of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe ("Constitution"); and

WHEREAS: Article II, Section 4(a) of the Constitution provides that all relinquishments of membership in the Tribe shall be done in writing in accordance with the procedures established by the enrollment ordinance and that the Tribal Council shall remove from the tribe's membership roll the name of any person who voluntarily relinquishes his or her membership in the Tribe in accordance with such procedures; and

WHEREAS: Article V, Section 1 of the Enrollment Ordinance (Law & Order Code, Title 3, Chapter 1) provides the procedures for relinquishment from the Tribe; and

WHEREAS: Tribal Member Desiree Casey, who is an adult, has requested relinquishment from the Tribe in writing in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the Enrollment Ordinance; and

WHEREAS: the Tribal Council has reviewed the request for relinquishment and has determined that the request for relinquishment complies with the requirements of the Enrollment Ordinance and that the request for relinquishment is voluntary; and


WHEREAS: this Resolution is passed by the Tribal Council to complete the relinquishment of Tribal Member Desiree Casey from the Current Membership Roll of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the following:

1. Tribal Member, Desiree Casey, is hereby removed from the Current Membership Roll of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, effective immediately.
2. The Enrollment Officer shall remove Desiree Casey from the Current Membership Roll of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, effective immediately.
3. The Enrollment Officer shall provide a copy of this certified Resolution to Desiree Casey by certified mail, return receipt requested.


CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of the Tribal Council, presented for approval on August 9, 2019, with a quorum of 5 in attendance, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstaining, pursuant to the authority contained under the Constitution of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, as cited above.



Carlene Yellowhair, President

ATTEST:



Tamara Talaswaima, Tribal Secretary



San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe

Carlene C. Yellowhair
President

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Candelora Lefi
Vice President

Desiree Renae Casey DOB: : You will No longer be using your San Juan Southern Paiute
Enrollment NO. you will be removed from the Current Membership of the San Juan
Southern Paiute Tribe affective date on August 9, 2019 Resolution NO. 100

if you have question please do call the Tribal Office at 928-707-5108 cell phone

Thank You

Mary Lou Boone

Enrollment Office

Vacant
Southern Council

Vacant
Southern Council

Mary Lou Boone
At Large Council

Louise Tallman
Northern Council

Richard Graymountain
Northern Council

ction 2. **Disenrollment.** Any member of the Tribe who is or becomes a member of any other federally recognized Indian tribe, band or group shall be disenrolled by the Tribal Council.

- (a) Upon receiving information that a tribal member is a member of any other federally recognized Indian tribe, band or group, the Tribal Council shall investigate the information.
- (b) If the information appears to be correct, the Tribal Council shall send a notice to the member, by certified mail, return receipt requested, which states its intent to disenroll the member if the member does not produce, within thirty (30) days from receipt of the notice, adequate written evidence that they have relinquished their membership in the other tribe, band or group. Also included in the notice shall be the date set for a hearing before the Tribal Council to consider the matter, which date shall be at least thirty (30) days after the date of the notice.
- (c) Following the hearing, whether the affected member makes any appearance or not, the Tribal Council shall determine if the member is to be disenrolled, and it shall document its decision by resolution. The affected member shall be notified of the action taken by certified mail, return receipt requested. Such notice shall include a copy of Article VI of this enrollment ordinance regarding the right to appeal.

ion 3. **Reinstatement.**

- (a) Any person who relinquishes his or her membership in the Tribe, pursuant to section 1, above, or who has been disenrolled from the Tribe pursuant to section 2 above, shall be reinstated as a member of the Tribe by the Tribal Council if the person meets all of the following requirements:
 - (1) at least five (5) years have passed since the date of their relinquishment or disenrollment;
 - (A) This five (5) year waiting period for reinstatement shall not apply to persons who were under the age of eighteen (18) at the time of their relinquishment or disenrollment.
 - (B) This five (5) year waiting period for reinstatement shall not apply to persons whose relinquishment or disenrollment occurred prior to the adoption of the San Juan Southern Paiute Constitution.
 - (2) provides adequate proof to the Tribal Council that he or she has given up his or her membership in any other federally recognized Indian tribe, band or group; and

ARTICLE V -- LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP AND REINSTATEMENT

on 1. **Relinquishments.** Any member of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe may voluntarily relinquish his or her membership in the Tribe.

- (a) All relinquishments must be done in writing and be delivered to the Tribal Council. The member must state that he or she desires to relinquish his or her membership, and the effective date of the desired relinquishment. The relinquishment must be signed by the member seeking relinquishment and the signature must be notarized or witnessed by two persons.
- (1) If the member is under the age of 18 years, the relinquishment must be signed by his or her parent or legal guardian rather than by the member,



EXHIBIT

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*Candelora Lehi
Vice President*

August 15, 2019

*TO: Desiree Renae Casey
Re: Relinquishment*

*The San Juan Southern Paiute Tribal Council can Approve or Deny any Enrollment Application
The San Juan Southern Paiute Tribal Council will have the final Approval on all matters
Article II Section 4 (a) of Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance provides all Relinquishment or
Dis-enrollment or excepts of Enrollment Article V lose of membership Section 1 Relinquishment (a) this
Section has the procedures for relinquishment or Dis-enrollment.*

*On July 10 2019 you delivered your written statement of Dis-enrollment from the San Juan Southern
Paiute Tribe you ask for instruction about how to relinquish Voluntary from San Juan Southern
Paiute Tribe, I gave you a form and gave you instruction how to complete the form .*

*On July 15, 2019 you brought in your form of relinquishment signed and Notarized by Notary
Charlene Naha she sealed it with her stamp.*

*On August 9, 2019 San Juan Southern Paiute Tribal Council reviewed your request for Relinquishment
Your written Statement was voluntary your form was Notarized and sealed.
Your request for relinquishment was completed and passed with Resolution NO. 100*

*Vacant
Southern Council*

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*San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe
Office of the Tribal Enrollment Office
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November 5, 2018



To Whom It May Concern:

Verification for Desiree Renae Casey DOB:
Is Enroll member of the Navajo Nation.

Navajo Census number

Desiree Renae Casey

Desiree Renae Casey DOB: :
Enrollment number

is Enrollment member of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe with

If you have any question please do contact the number above

Sincerely

Enrollment Office

Mary Lou Boone

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NAVAJO NATION

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Navajo Nation Council Summer Session

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Consent Agenda Items (D)

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