

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0322-19

**DATE:** October 29, 2019

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT OF MS. KAREN RAE NIETO AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

**PURPOSE:** This resolution will approve the reinstatement of Ms. Karen Rae Nieto as a member of the Navajo Nation.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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Health Education & Human Services Committee  
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Naabik'iyáti' Committee  
Thence  
Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

  
(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION

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NAVAJO NATION

BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 400(A). The committee "serve[s] as the oversight committee for the Division of Health, Division of Social Services, Division of Human Resources Department of Diné Education, Division of General Services ...." 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(1).

B. The Naa'bik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700(A). All proposed legislation requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council are assigned to the committee. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(9).

C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §102. Pursuant to 1 N.N.C. § 705, the Navajo Nation Council, by majority vote, must approve all requests for reinstatement of membership enrollment with the Navajo Nation.

1       **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

2       A. Ms. Karen Rae Nieto (date of birth August 17, 1969) was an enrolled member of the  
3       Navajo Nation. See Exhibit "A," *Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood*. On October 15,  
4       2011, upon her request, her membership with the Navajo Nation was relinquished. See  
5       Exhibit "B," enrollment relinquishment with the Navajo Nation. Subsequently, she  
6       enrolled with the Zuni Tribe (as her father is Zuni). Exhibit "C."

7       B. Ms. Karen Rae Nieto filed for relinquishment of her enrollment with the Zuni Tribe.  
8       On January 27, 2016, the Zuni Tribe approved Ms. Nieto's relinquishment request. See  
9       Exhibit "D."

10      C. Ms. Karen Rae Nieto is seeking reinstatement with the Navajo Nation. See Exhibit  
11      "E", letter dated June 3, 2019.

12      D. Ms. Karen Rae Nieto is Ashjįnį and is the originally from the Chinle community. Her  
13      mother is Navajo.

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15      **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL FOR REENROLLMENT**

16      Ms. Karen Rae Nieto, is and shall be reinstated, or otherwise reenrolled, as a member  
17      of the Navajo Nation. By this action of the Navajo Nation Council and pursuant to the  
18      laws of the Navajo Nation, she shall be entitled to all rights, benefits and privileges  
19      associated with membership with the Navajo Nation.  
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VERIFICATION OF INDIAN PREFERENCE FOR EMPLOYMENT  
IN BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE ONLY

To establish eligibility for Indian preference for employment with BIA/IHS, complete one of the categories below and submit with your SF-171, Application for Federal Employment.

Category MEMBERS OF FEDERALLY-RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES, BANDS OR COMMUNITIES.

A

This is to certify that the person named below is a member of the tribe indicated:

Karen Rae Nieto

1/2 Navajo -

Full Name

Date of Birth

Tribal Affiliation

I certify that the above information was taken from the official membership records of the Navajo Tribe and acknowledge the falsification and misrepresentation of this information is punishable under Federal Law.

*[Signature]*

06-17-96

OR

None

Tribal Representative

Date

BIA Representative

Date

Vital Statistic Technician

None

Title

Title

Chinle

Agency Name

Category DESCENDANTS OF MEMBERS OF FEDERALLY-RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES, BANDS OR COMMUNITIES WHO WERE RESIDING ON ANY INDIAN RESERVATION ON JUNE 1, 1934.

B

This is to certify that the person named below has established to my satisfaction the he is a descendant of an enrolled member of the tribe named below and that he was living on an Indian reservation on June 1, 1934. The applicant's family history is outlined on the attached family history chart:

Name of Individual

Date of Birth

Reservation of Residence  
on June 1, 1934

Ancestor

Tribal Record of Affiliation

Date

BIA Representative

Title

Agency Name

# RELINQUISHMENT OF NAVAJO NATION MEMBERSHIP

EXHIBIT

BOOKS

I, Karen Rae Nieto, DOB: \_\_\_\_\_, R \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby petition the President of the Navajo Nation that my name be stricken from the Navajo Census Rolls. I wish to become enroll member of The Zuni Tribe.

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 Nation Office Vital Records.

Signed at Fort Defiance this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2011

Karen Rae Nieto  
P.O. Box  
Window Rock Az 86515

## WITNESSES:

Amilta Torn  
NAME  
PO Box Window Rock  
ADDRESS  
Az 86515

Roy Nieto  
NAME  
P.O. Box  
ADDRESS  
Zuni New Mexico 87327

## ACKNOWLEDGED:

TR  
President, The Navajo Nation  
10/13/2011  
Date Approved

Recorded on Page 142 Pinon Southern Indian Census Roll, Arizona and Family Application #73-584 on October 13, 2011/Am and Family Application #2012-279/Am  
Leonard Beannally  
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Vital Statistics Manager  
Navajo Office of Vital Records





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Governor

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Lt. Governor

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Head Councilman

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Councilman

### ZUNI TRIBE

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Councilman

GERALD HOOEE, SR.  
Councilman

MARK MARTINEZ  
Councilman

BIRDENA SANCHEZ  
Councilwoman

**DATE:** March 14, 2012

**TO:** Karen Nieto  
P.O. Box  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

**FROM:** Tribal Census Office, Pueblo of Zuni

**SUBJECT:** Enrollment Status of: NIETO, KAREN RAE

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree of Blood: 1/2 ZUNI; 1/2 NAVAJO

Mother: ROSEMARY LEE Father: ROY NIETO

I hereby depose that KAREN RAE NIETO is an enrolled member of the  
Zuni Tribe with Census Number

**OR**

I hereby depose that \_\_\_\_\_ **IS NOT** an enrolled  
member of the Zuni Tribe.

  
Xyla Johnson  
Vital Records Technician

I hereby certify that the above information  
are true, exact and complete record on file  
in the Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Indian Reservation  
Tribal Census Office, Zuni, New Mexico.



Fabian Vicenti, Sr.  
Tribal Census Director of the Zuni Tribe

**SEAL**





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Councilwoman

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ERIC BOBELU  
Councilman

## RELINQUISHMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

EXHIBIT

D

The Zuni Tribal Council hereby acknowledge the receipt of a Notice of, Relinquishment of Membership from the Zuni Tribe, for Karen Rae Nieto born \_\_\_\_\_, Census Number \_\_\_\_\_ and has 1/2 degree of Zuni Indian blood and also possesses 1/2 Navajo Blood.

Having reviewed the said Notice, the Zuni Tribal Council is satisfied that this relinquishment of Membership was made voluntarily, and for reasons satisfactory to the party involved, and that the said party has full knowledge on the consequences of this relinquishment.

[ XX ] Relinquishee has full knowledge of the consequences and accordingly, the Zuni Tribal Council hereby accept and recognize this relinquishment of Membership of Karen Rae Nieto whom will no longer be considered a member of the Zuni Tribe, effective this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

[ ] Relinquishment denied due to: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ Lt. Governor Sanchez: Birdena Sanchez  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ Vacant: \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR: ☒ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ Councilwoman Chavez: Virginia R. Chavez  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Bowekaty: Absent  
FOR: ☒ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ Councilwoman Semplicio: Audrey Semplicio  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ Vacant: \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR: ☒ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Bobelu: Eric Bobelu

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing relinquishment was duly considered by the Zuni Tribal Council at a duly called Executive Meeting in Zuni, New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and that the same was respected with an overall vote of 5 in favor (FOR), 0 opposed (AGAINST) and 1 ABSTAINED. According to recommendations presented, it is without hesitation that the relinquishment application for the said applicant, is hereby **APPROVED/DISAPPROVED**, which we as the Zuni Tribal Council officially executed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

Val R. Panteah, Sr.  
Governor, Pueblo of Zuni

Recorded in the Pueblo of Zuni Tribal Census Office, Zuni, New Mexico on January 27, 2016.



June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Navajo Office of Vital Records

Indian Rte100

Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

I am requesting to have my tribal census number reinstated. I originally left the Navajo Nation to get a house built on Zuni Tribal lands and in order to do this, I had to get a census number with that tribe. Its been a few years since I have moved to Gallup, NM and I am no longer with the Zuni tribe.

The reason why I am requesting this is because my father has taken over the home that was built for us and evicted my family and I – so, we had nowhere else to move but into Gallup, NM and leave that tribe behind.

My mother Rosemary Lee, born \_\_\_\_\_ in Winslow AZ. She is registered with the Navajo Nation, census \_\_\_\_\_

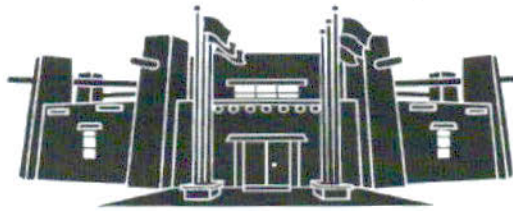
So, I am kindly requesting to have my Navajo Nation tribal census number of reinstated.

If you need any further information, you may reach me at (505, \_\_\_\_\_). Thank you for your time.

Karen Nieto

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Nieto".





## MEMORANDUM

To : Hon. Eugene Tso, Delegate  
Navajo Nation Council

From :  
Ron Haven, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

Date : October 29, 2019

Re : AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN  
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As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient (at least to format).<sup>1</sup> As with any legislation, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Also, the Speaker (or designee) may decide to assign the proposed resolution for other committees than those referenced in the title of the resolution. Please ensure that this particular resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign it as "sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where it will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment.

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution. Ahéhee'.

OLC # 19-571-1

<sup>1</sup> Personal information (such as personal telephone numbers) redacted on exhibits pursuant to confidential information provisions of the Navajo Nation Privacy Act. 2 N.N.C. §81 et seq.

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SPONSOR: Eugene Tso

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*Date posted: October 29, 2019 at 2:33pm*

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