

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0174-21

**DATE:** August 18, 2021

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; ENACTING THE NAVAJO NATION NILCH' ÉÍ BEE ÍÍŃÁ – AIR IS LIFE ACT OF 2021

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if adopted, would enact the Navajo Nation Nilch' Éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021.

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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24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – THIRD YEAR, 2021  
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INTRODUCED BY

Daniel E. Ito

**Budget & Finance Committee**  
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**Naabik'iyáti' Committee**  
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**Navajo Nation Council**

TRACKING NO. 0174-21

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND  
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NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; ENACTING THE NAVAJO NATION NILCH' ÉÍ BEE  
ÍÍÑÁ – AIR IS LIFE ACT OF 2021

BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITIES**

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is empowered to establish Navajo Nation policy, promulgate rules and regulations governing health, social services, education, human services and general government services of the Navajo Nation and its tribal organizations, entities and enterprises, among other duties and responsibilities. 2 N.N.C. §401(B)(1). The Committee further has oversight responsibilities over colleges within the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §401(C)(3).
- B. The Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council reviews and makes recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. §601(B)(14).
- C. The Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council “coordinate[s] and review[s] all fiscal, financial and investment activities of the Navajo Nation and its

enterprises, as well as other agencies, federal, state, regional and private, expending or seeking to expend funds within the Navajo Nation or for the benefit of the Navajo People.” 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(5).

D. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council reviews proposed resolutions requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).

E. The Navajo Nation Council, as governing body of the Navajo Nation, sets policy for the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).

## **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

A. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

B. The use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, chew, hookah, and e-cigarettes) is harmful to the natural and sacred elements of air and earth. The use of all commercial tobacco products is disrespectful to the Diné fundamental traditions and thus harms our environment resulting in disharmony with the mind, body, spirit, and earth. “Air” embodies life. 1 N.N.C. §201. The rights and freedoms of people to use the sacred elements of life will not be impeded and will be protected and preserved for they are the foundation of our spiritual ceremonies and the Diné way of life. 1 N.N.C. §205(F). It is the right and freedom of the people that every person is respected, honored, and protected with a healthy physical and mental environment, free from all abuse. 1 N.N.C. §204(E).

D. Secondhand commercial tobacco smoke has been classified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a Group A carcinogen. This classification is reserved for chemicals or compounds, such as asbestos and benzene, which have been shown to cause cancer in humans.

E. There are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses.

- 1 F. There are many risks associated with e-cigarettes as reported by the U.S Surgeon  
2 General. The aerosol from e-cigarettes is not harmless. It can contain harmful and  
3 potentially harmful chemicals, including nicotine; ultrafine particles that can be inhaled  
4 deep into the lungs; flavoring such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to a serious lung  
5 disease; volatile organic compounds such as benzene, which is found in car exhaust;  
6 and heavy metals, such as nickel, tin, and lead.
- 7 G. All workers should have a safe workplace so that all workers, as well as nonsmokers  
8 including children and elders, can breathe commercial tobacco smoke-free air and be  
9 free from the pollution of smokeless commercial tobacco products and dangerous  
10 exposure to commercial tobacco thirdhand smoke in public places and workplaces.
- 11 H. Children exposed to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke have an increased risk of  
12 asthma, respiratory viral/bacterial infections (e.g., COVID-19), sudden infant death  
13 syndrome, developmental abnormalities, and cancer. Secondhand commercial tobacco  
14 smoke is particularly hazardous to individuals with chronic diseases (i.e.,  
15 cardiovascular disease, diabetes, asthma, and chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases  
16 (COPD).
- 17 I. Smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19.  
18 Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from  
19 COVID-19.
- 20 J. According to the 2017 Navajo Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 41% of high school  
21 students reported having smoked cigarettes in their lifetime. In addition, 40% of high  
22 school students reported having used e-cigarette products in their lifetime.  
23 Furthermore, 11% of Navajo high school students reported using smokeless tobacco  
24 products compared to the U.S. national high school use at 3.1%.
- 25 K. The cultural, spiritual, and ceremonial use of Dził Nát'oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke is  
26 an integral part of Diné life.
- 27 L. Diné cultural teachings about Dził Nát'oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke and its use are of  
28 importance to the health, wellness, and welfare of the Diné people.
- 29 M. The ceremonial use of Dził Nát'oh/Natural Mountain Smoke shall not be restricted.  
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1 N. It is in the best interests of the Navajo Nation to amend Title 13 of the Navajo Nation  
2 Code for purposes of addressing the health needs of the Navajo people consistent with  
3 findings provided herein.

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5 **SECTION THREE. ENACTING THE NAVAJO NATION NILCH' ÉÍ BEE ÍÍÑÁ –**  
6 **AIR IS LIFE ACT OF 2021**

7 The Navajo Nation Council hereby enacts, within Title 13 of the Navajo Nation Code,  
8 the Navajo Nation Nilch' éí Bee Ííñá - Air is Life Act of 2021 as follows:

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11 **TITLE 13. HEALTH AND WELFARE**

12 **CHAPTER 2. COMMERCIAL TOBACCO REGULATION AND LIABILITY**

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14 **§ 421. Title**

15 This Act shall be known as the “Navajo Nation Nilch' éí Bee Ííñá - Air is Life Act of  
16 2021.”

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18 **§ 422. Purpose**

19 A. The purpose of this Act is to promote Navajo fundamental traditional views on health  
20 and wellness. Breathing secondhand commercial tobacco smoke in public places and  
21 workplaces are harmful.

22 B. This Act prohibits the use of commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional  
23 cigarettes and pipes, cigars, e-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco products) in enclosed,  
24 indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor  
25 area where commercial tobacco use are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act  
26 does not restrict commercial tobacco use in private residences, unless such are used or  
27 otherwise operated for childcare, adult day care, health care facility, or home office.  
28 This Act does not prohibit the use of ceremonial tobacco. This Act does not prohibit  
29 the use of commercial tobacco products for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and  
30 purposes within the Navajo Nation.

1 C. To ensure compliance, this Act provides penalties for violations, including civil  
2 penalties.

3 D. The Act applies to all facilities and activities within the interior boundary of the Navajo  
4 Nation or areas within the jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation.

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6 **§ 423. Definitions**

7 The following definitions apply to this Act:

8 A. “Ceremonial tobacco” means Dził Nát’oh/Natural Mountain Smoke, other natural  
9 untreated tobacco, natural plant, and fresh plants which are used in ceremonial and/or  
10 cultural settings and purposes.

11 B. “Chew tobacco” or “smokeless tobacco” means any commercial tobacco product that  
12 consists of cut, ground, powdered, or leaf tobacco and that is intended to be placed in  
13 the oral or nasal cavity.

14 C. “Childcare” means caring for one or more children when the caregiver is not the parent  
15 or legal guardian of such children.

16 D. “Commercial tobacco” means: 1) any product containing, made of, or derived from  
17 commercial tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption or is likely to  
18 be consumed, whether inhaled, absorbed, or ingested by any other means, including  
19 but not limited to, a conventional cigarette, a cigar, commercial pipe tobacco,  
20 smokeless tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus; 2) any electronic smoking device  
21 as defined in this section, and any substances that may be aerosolized or vaporized by  
22 such device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine; or 3) any component, part,  
23 or accessory of 1) or 2), whether or not any of these contains commercial tobacco or  
24 nicotine, including but not limited to filters, rolling papers, blunt or hemp wraps,  
25 hookahs, and pipes. “Commercial tobacco product” does not mean drugs, devices, or  
26 combination products authorized for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration,  
27 as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, nor does it  
28 mean ceremonial use.

- 1 E. “Electronic smoking device” means any device that may be used to deliver any  
2 aerosolized or vaporized substance to the person inhaling from the device, including,  
3 but not limited to, an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen, or e-hookah.
- 4 F. “Employee” means any person who performs any service on a full-time, part-time, or  
5 contracted basis whether or not the person is denominated an employee, independent  
6 contractor or otherwise and whether or not the person is compensated or is a volunteer.
- 7 G. “Employer” means a person, business, partnership, association, limited liability  
8 company, corporation, trust, non-profit entities, the Navajo Nation and its enterprises,  
9 entities, and political subdivisions that employs the services of one or more individual  
10 persons.
- 11 H. “Enclosed area” means all space between a floor and a ceiling that is bounded by walls,  
12 doorways, or windows, whether open or closed, covering more than 50 percent of the  
13 combined surface area of the vertical planes constituting the perimeter of the area. A  
14 wall includes any retractable divider, garage door, or other physical barrier, whether  
15 temporary or permanent.
- 16 I. “Navajo Fundamental tradition” means immutable laws that predate regulation of  
17 modern commercial tobacco use. Navajo fundamental tradition resonates with Diné  
18 Natural Law. It declares and teaches that the four sacred elements of life, light/fire,  
19 water and earth/pollen in all their forms must be respected, honored and protected, for  
20 they sustain life.
- 21 J. “Private Residence” means a house or other dwelling, which is under the exclusive  
22 control of one or more private individuals who own or lease the dwelling. A private  
23 residence is not a private place when an area in which work is performed in a private  
24 residence is a place of employment during hours of operation if: (1) the homeowner  
25 uses the area exclusively and regularly as a principal place of business and has one or  
26 more on-site employees; or (2) the homeowner uses the area exclusively and regularly  
27 as a place to meet or deal with patients, clients, or customers in the normal course of  
28 the homeowner's trade or business.
- 29 K. “Public place” means any enclosed area to which the public is invited or in which the  
30 general public is permitted, including, but not limited to airports; auditoriums; banks;

1 bars; any other food or liquor establishment; bingo halls, casinos, and other gaming  
2 facilities; common areas of rental apartment buildings or other multifamily housing;  
3 educational facilities; entertainment facilities; hospitals; hotels/motels; laundromats;  
4 meeting rooms; Navajo Nation offices, buildings, and multi-housing; Navajo Nation  
5 enterprises and entities offices and buildings; nursing homes, elderly group homes,  
6 and assisted living facilities; public transportation vehicles and facilities; reception  
7 areas; restaurants; retail stores and other commercial establishments; sports facilities;  
8 theaters; and waiting rooms. "Public place" also includes the following outdoor areas:  
9 cultural public gathering places or events such as Pow Wows; Navajo Nation parks and  
10 cemeteries; and outdoor sports facilities.

11 L. "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar,  
12 conventional cigarette or pipe, or any other lighted, heated, or activated commercial  
13 tobacco, and nicotine plants intended for inhalation whether natural or synthetic.  
14 "Smoking" also means the use of an electronic smoking device. "Smoking" does not  
15 include ceremonial use.

16 M. "Secondhand commercial tobacco smoke" means the particulate matter, gases, and  
17 other byproducts of combustion emitted from a lighted pipe, the lit end of a cigarette,  
18 cigar, e-cigarette, or any other form of commercial tobacco and the exhaled by-products  
19 of tobacco combustion previously inhaled during the smoking of a pipe, cigarette, cigar,  
20 e-cigarette, or any other form of commercial tobacco.

21 N. "Sports Facilities" means enclosed and open areas of sports pavilions, stadiums, arenas,  
22 gymnasiums, health spas, boxing arenas, rodeo arenas, golf courses, amusement parks,  
23 swimming pools, roller & ice rinks, billiard halls, bowling alleys, and other similar  
24 places where members of the general public assemble to engage in physical exercise,  
25 participate in athletic competition or witness sporting events.

26 O. "Workplace" means any enclosed area in its entirety under the control of a public or  
27 private employer where workers, regardless of whether they are employees,  
28 contractors, or volunteers, perform work or use incidental to their work, including  
29 office buildings, work areas, office buildings, work areas, auditoriums, employee  
30 lounges, restrooms, conference rooms, meeting rooms, classrooms, cafeterias,

1 hallways, stairs, elevators, escalators, health care facilities, private offices, break areas,  
2 if they are enclosed areas. Vehicles for work shall be considered workplaces.  
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4 **§ 424. Prohibition Against the Use of Commercial Tobacco Products in Public Places**  
5 **and Workplaces in the Navajo Nation**

6 The Navajo Nation hereby prohibits the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g.,  
7 conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless  
8 tobacco) in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25  
9 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the  
10 Navajo Nation, except as allowed in Section 425.  
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12 **§ 425. Where Commercial Tobacco Use and Smoking are Not Regulated**

13 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act to the contrary, the following uses shall  
14 not be subject to the restrictions of this Act:

- 15 A. Private residences, unless made available to the general public for commercial uses,  
16 including but not limited to childcare, health care, or other businesses open to the  
17 general public as defined under Section 423 of this Act.  
18 B. While the Navajo Nation recognizes the fundamental use of Dził Nát'oh / Natural  
19 Mountain Smoke and other natural plants for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes,  
20 this Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco products for ceremonial use  
21 and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation.  
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23 **§ 426. Posting of Signs**

24 Within the Navajo Nation, in coordination with the Navajo Department of Health,  
25 approved signs shall be conspicuously posted in every building and entrance or other area  
26 where the use of commercial tobacco products are prohibited by this Act. Any and all  
27 entities having control of such buildings or other areas shall publicly post warning signs,  
28 including decals of internationally recognized graphic displays. The signs in Diné bizaad  
29 (Navajo language) and English shall clearly state or display that commercial tobacco use  
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1 in any form are prohibited, and must designate the established phone number, e-mail  
2 address, or postal mailing address to report violations.

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4 **§ 427. Commercial Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free Workplace**

5 A. It shall be the responsibility of employers to provide a commercial tobacco free and  
6 smoke-free workplace for all employees in accordance with this Act. Within 90 days  
7 of the effective date of this Act each employer having a workplace located within the  
8 territorial jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation shall adopt, implement, make known, and  
9 maintain a written commercial tobacco free policy in accordance with this Act.

10 B. The Nítch' éí Bee Ííńá - Air Is Life Act shall be communicated to all employees within  
11 four weeks of the employer's adoption of such required policy and to all newly hired  
12 employees in accordance with this Act.

13 C. All employers shall provide a written copy of the Nítch' éí Bee Ííńá—Air Is Life Act  
14 to all current employees and newly hired employees on the first day of employment.

15 D. A person or employer that has control of an area in which commercial tobacco use are  
16 prohibited by this chapter shall direct anyone who is using commercial tobacco  
17 products in violation of this chapter to extinguish the product being used. If they do not  
18 stop using the commercial tobacco product, the person or employer shall refuse any  
19 service and shall immediately ask them to leave the property. If the ejection is from a  
20 public event, it shall be for the duration of the public event.

21 E. There shall be no retaliation against any person exercising their rights as outlined  
22 within this Act. No employer may discharge, refuse to hire, penalize, discriminate  
23 against, or in any manner retaliate against employee, applicant for employment, or  
24 customer because the employee, applicant, or customer exercises any rights because  
25 that employee exercises any rights afforded by this law or reports or attempts to  
26 prosecute a violation of this law.

27 F. All proprietors, employers, or other person or entity in charge of a public place, public  
28 meeting, public transportation, or place of employment must not provide smoking  
29 equipment, including ashtrays or matches, in areas where smoking is prohibited.  
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1 G. The Navajo Department of Health shall provide cessation materials developed by the  
2 Navajo Department of Health and Indian Health Service to employers and to any citizen  
3 who requests them.

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5 **§ 428. Enforcement**

6 A. The Navajo Department of Health and Navajo Division of Public Safety shall enforce  
7 this Act and be responsible for issuance of citations for violation of this Act.

8 B. The Navajo Department of Health and Navajo Division of Public Safety shall establish  
9 a designated telephone number, e-mail, and postal mailing address to report violations.  
10 Any citizen who desires to register an oral or written complaint under this Act may  
11 initiate a complaint through the designated telephone number, e-mail, or postal mailing  
12 address.

13 C. Notice of the provisions as set forth in this Act shall be given to business license  
14 applicants for business licenses on the Navajo Nation.

15 D. In addition to the remedies provided by the provisions of this Act, any person aggrieved  
16 by the failure of the owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of a public  
17 place, or workplace may apply for injunctive relief to enforce those provisions in any  
18 district court of the Navajo Nation.

19 E. All proprietors, business owners, managers, operators, or organizations of any  
20 establishment regulated by this Article may be held civilly liable for failure to enforce  
21 the provisions herein unless they have taken reasonable steps toward compliance. A  
22 business owner, manager, or employee of a place regulated by this Act shall inform  
23 any person who is using commercial tobacco products that is in violation of this law  
24 that use of commercial tobacco products are illegal and request that the illegal use of  
25 commercial tobacco products stop immediately, if the person does not refrain from  
26 using these products after being asked to do so, ask the person to leave. If the person  
27 refuses to leave, the proprietor, person, or entity in charge shall handle the situation  
28 consistent with lawful methods for handling other persons acting in a disorderly manner  
29 or as a trespasser, and in addition, the person using commercial tobacco products  
30 illegally may be fined a civil penalty. A proprietor, person, or entity in charge of a

1 public place, public meeting, place of employment, or public transportation must not  
2 retaliate or take adverse action against an employee or anyone else who, in good faith,  
3 reports a violation of this Act to the proprietor or person in charge of the public place,  
4 public meeting, place of employment, or public transportation, or to the commissioner  
5 of health or other designee responsible for enforcing.

6 F. If the Navajo Department of Health has reason to believe that a violation of this law  
7 exists, the Department may enter upon and into any public place or workplace for  
8 purposes of determining compliance with this law. However, the Department may  
9 inspect public places where food or alcohol is served at any time to determine  
10 compliance with this law.

11 G. The issuance of a citation may be appealed to the Office of Hearings and Appeals  
12 within ten calendar days of the issuance of the citation.

13 H. Subject to the approval of the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of  
14 the Navajo Nation Council, the Navajo Department of Health shall establish an  
15 infraction/penalty schedule and shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations  
16 for the implementation and enforcement of this law.

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18 **§ 429. Civil Penalties**

19 A. Any proprietor, person, or entity that owns, leases, manages, operates, or otherwise  
20 controls the use of an area in which commercial tobacco use is prohibited under this  
21 Act, and that knowingly fails to comply with the Act, is guilty and in violation of this  
22 Act and subject to administrative citation. Because commercial tobacco use is an  
23 addiction, the encouragement of commercial tobacco cessation services will be  
24 recommended to those who violate this Act.

25 B. Each violation of this Act occurs shall be considered a separate and distinct violation.

26 C. Repeated violation of this Act by a person who owns, manages, operates, or otherwise  
27 controls a public place or workplace may result in a suspension or revocation of any  
28 permit or license issued to the person for the premises on which the violation occurred.  
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1 D. A suspension or revocation of permit or license shall not be lifted until the violation is  
2 brought into compliance in accordance with regulations established by the Navajo  
3 Department of Health.

4 E. The Navajo Department of Health shall have the authority to increase the initial civil  
5 penalties set forth herein after reasonable notice to the public.

6 F. Any violation of this chapter may be remedied by a civil action brought by the Navajo  
7 Nation Department of Justice, including, but not limited to, administrative or judicial  
8 nuisance abatement proceedings, civil code enforcement proceedings, and suits for  
9 injunctive relief.

#### 10 11 **§ 430. Public Education**

12 The Navajo Department of Health shall provide public health information, education,  
13 and awareness regarding the purposes and requirements of this Act. The Department shall  
14 conduct any and all prevention, education, and cessation services to address this act shall  
15 including publications and disseminations in Diné bizaad (Navajo language) and English  
16 of using visual/audio, educational materials, to explaining the provisions of this Act to  
17 affected businesses, organizations, entities, and governmental agencies shall be conducted  
18 by the program listed above. The Department may establish an internet website to assist in  
19 its public education.

#### 20 21 **§ 431. Liberal Construction**

22 This Act shall be liberally construed to further its purposes.

#### 23 24 **§ 432. Amendment**

25 This Act shall not be repealed or amended except by the Navajo Nation Council.

### 26 27 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

28 The provisions of this Act shall become effective in accord with 2 N.N.C §221(B).

### 29 30 **SECTION FIVE. CODIFICATION**

1       The provisions of this Act which add or amend sections of the Navajo Nation Code  
2 shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel.

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4       **SECTION SIX. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

5       Should any provision of this Act be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme  
6 Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation  
7 Supreme Court, or any other court of competent jurisdiction, those portions of the Act  
8 which are not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.



## MEMORANDUM

To : Hon. Daniel E. Tso, Chairman  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Navajo Nation Council

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From :  
Ron Haven, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

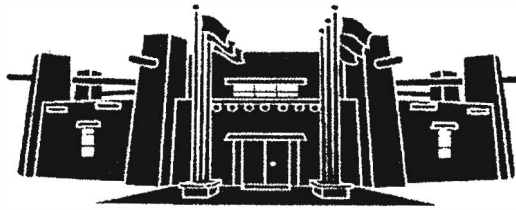
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As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. As to format, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. Regarding substance, as with any legislation, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Please ensure that this particular resolution request is precisely what you want.

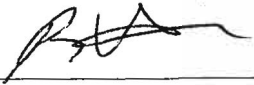
If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign it as "sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where it will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment. If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution. Ahéhee'.

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**MEMORANDUM**

To : Hon. Seth Damon, Speaker  
Navajo nation Council

From :   
Ron Haven, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

Date : August 20, 2021

Re : **RECOMMENDATION TO INCLUDE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AS ASSIGNED COMMITTEE FOR LEGIS. NO. 0174-21, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; ENACTING THE NAVAJO NATION NĪLCH' ÉÍ BEE ÍÍŃÁ – AIR IS LIFE ACT OF 2021**

I am the assigned attorney regarding the above legislation. It was just posted.

I strongly recommend that the Resources and Development Committee be added to assigned committees pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(5). The bill broadly defines “public place,” and essentially touches upon the oversight of virtually all standing committees. See section 423(K). Resources and Development Committee oversees some of the places specified.

I apologize any inconvenience. Please call me for any questions. 1.928.871.7166.

xc : Hon. Daniel Tso, NNC, Sponsor  
Hon. Rickie Nez, Chairman, RDC  
Dana Bobroff, CLC, OLC  
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<b>Comments Supporting</b>	<b>1.) Becenti Chapter</b> <b>2.) Arizonans Concerned About Smoking</b> <b>3.) Patricia Nez Henderson, MD, MPH</b>
<b>Comments Opposing</b>	<b>1.) Julius Elwood</b>
<b>Comments/Recommendations</b>	<i>None</i>

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**Legislative Tracking Secretary  
Office of Legislative Services**

**August 25, 2021 8:30 AM**

**Date/Time**





*The Navajo Nation Becenti Chapter*  
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**RESOLUTION OF BECENTI CHAPTER**  
**BCAUG-21-114**

**SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION ENTITLED**  
**"NAVAJO NATION NILCH' ÉI BEE ÍÍNÁ AIR IS LIFE ACT OF 2021" LED BY THE**  
**NAVAJO NATION AIR IS LIFE COALITION.**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJY-20-55, the Becenti Chapter is a certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government and is vested with certain authorities to address and resolve local matters in the best interest of the community members, and coordinate with or refer appropriate subject matters to the Navajo Nation, McKinley County, State of New Mexico, and the US Federal Governments; and
2. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution CAP-34-98 Local Governance Act (LGA) allows chapter governments to make decisions over local matters, this authority in the long run, will improve community decision making, allow communities to excel and flourish, enable Navajo leaders to lead towards a prosperous future, and improve the strength and sovereignty of the Navajo Nation; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát'oh/Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and

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7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

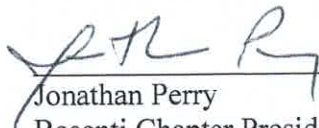
1. The Becenti Chapter officially approves and supports the intent and purpose of this resolution for the health of community members in and around Becenti Chapter area.

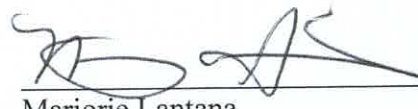
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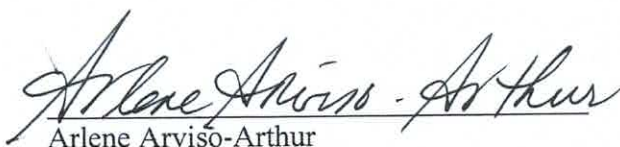
**WE HEREBY CERTIFY** that this foregoing Resolution was duly considered by the Becenti Chapter at a duly called chapter meeting at Becenti Chapter at which a legal quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 11 in favor, 00 in opposition, and 00 abstaining on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

Motion: Victoria Henry

Second: Marilyn Becenti

  
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# Arizonans Concerned About Smoking

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August 23, 2021

The Honorable Daniel Tso  
Council Delegate and Committee Chairman  
The Navajo Nation Council  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Post Office Box 3390  
Window Rock, Navajo Nation AZ 86515

Dear Chairman Tso:

Please accept this letter into the record of the Navajo Nation Council in strong support of the "Navajo Nation Legislation #0174-21, 'Níłch' éí Bee Ííná—Air is Life Health Act of 2021", with no exemptions, led by the Air is Life Health Coalition.

At this time of a Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19, Arizonans Concerned About Smoking is in unanimous support to improve and help guarantee the health of all Navajo Nation and believe that the proposed 'Air is Life Health Act of 2021' will provide much needed support in protecting the health and wellbeing of the Navajo people and visitors in the Navajo Nation; especially the workers where smoking has been permitted before. This Act will help ensure the safety of the Navajo Nation workers, Navajo Nation people and visitors. Everyone will be protected from the known dangers of commercial tobacco secondhand smoke in all businesses without exception.

We reflect on this most noble effort and go back many years working initially with the late Honorable Fifth Navajo Nation President Begaye. Late Honorable Navajo Nation President Begaye in addition to studying chemical addictions was also a Substance Abuse Counselor by vocation and knew first-hand the dangers of nicotine and secondhand smoke. He personally advocated and was energized when focusing on protecting all workers from tobacco and secondhand smoke.

This legislation mirrors our own purpose to save lives. Smoking affects so many, not just the person smoking but those around them. This legislation, if passed would be an instant Role-Model example of Tobacco Control leadership and would warrant national recognition by Health Leaders around the world.

We further commend the Navajo Nation people's role when the World's first totally Smokefree Hospital was created in 1983 at Keams Canyon, Arizona on the Hopi Reservation. This United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Hospital at Keams Canyon served both Hopi Nation and Navajo Nation Tribal patients.

Leadership has to start somewhere by those who not only have the inspiration but the motivation and ability to make a difference. We truly hope that now, in 2021, during a Public Health Emergency the Navajo Nation Council can demonstrate Tobacco Control leadership again with effective legislation that will save lives and create a new norm here in America. We'd be most honored to educate and encourage others to follow your lead.

Please help protect all workers and visitors from commercial tobacco secondhand smoke on the Navajo Nation and join with us at Arizonans Concerned About Smoking for the goal that all workplaces in Arizona will soon also have the same protection from commercial tobacco secondhand smoke.



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The Honorable Daniel Tso/Air is Life Act 2021 (page 2).

In Health,

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# In Support of Navajo Nation Nilch' Éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021 (Legislation #0174-21)

Patricia Henderson <pnhenderson@bhcaih.org>

Tue 8/24/2021 2:46 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Cc: Hershel Clark <hclark@bhcaih.org>;

The Honorable Daniel Tso  
Council Delegate and Committee Chairman  
The Navajo Nation Council Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Post Office Box 3390

Window Rock, AZ 86515

Dear Chairman Tso,

As a Dine' physician and public health scientist from Teesto Chapter House, I am in support of Navajo Nation Nilch' Éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021 (Legislation #0174-21) with NO exemptions.

The science is clear about secondhand smoke (SHS) exposure: 1) There are no safe levels of SHS; and 2) There is no ventilation system that can clear out the cancer-causing toxins of SHS. However, commercial tobacco-free policies are the best method to get rid of SHS and to create a healthy environment. Further, research shows that through a comprehensive commercial tobacco-free policy, communities experience the health benefits through reductions of heart attacks, cancers, respiratory illnesses, and other chronic illnesses.

Honorable Daniel Tso, thank you for introducing a legislation that will create a healthy environment for all of our people, especially those who work in environments where smoking is still allowed. This legislation will promote life!! With everything our Navajo communities have experienced with the COVID pandemic over the past 1.5 years, Navajo Nation Nilch' Éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021 will support all the mitigation efforts that have been put in place by our leaders. Unfortunately, we still do not know the long-term health impacts of those who have developed COVID and are still recovering. Whether their lungs, heart, brain, kidneys, and other organs will be compromised for many years, we do not know. We do know any SHS exposure among these individuals is not healthy. The opportunity to protect these individuals is by passing this historic health policy with NO exemptions.

Our Navajo culture and tradition promotes life. We believe every life is sacred and every breath is sacred. However, through colonization, the tobacco industry has modified the nicotiana plant and made it both addictive and deadly. I believe we are in a period where we are reclaiming this sacred plant and restoring our communities back to health and wellness. The passage of Navajo Nation Nilch' Éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021 (Legislation #0174-21) with NO exemptions will promote the sacredness of every life.

Regards,

Patricia Nez Henderson, MD, MPH  
From the Teesto Chapter (Ft Defiance Agency)  
Senior Public Health Scientist  
Black Hills Center for American Indian Health

Rapid City, SD

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Julius Elwood <jrelwood7@gmail.com>

Mon 8/23/2021 10:00 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

I don't support this legislation, the Navajo Nation needs all the revenue it can generate from visitors and tobacco product utilization is a huge part of the draw for non-Navajo infusion of money into the Navajo Nation! Casinos, which were designed and marketed to non-Navajo business and external infusion of capital, and tobacco use is a huge draw! We need to focus on capital infusion and not draining Navajo families of capital with a law that reduces the personal choices of people that can make personal decisions for themselves!

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**HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
24<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**THIRD YEAR 2021**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Speaker,

The **HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

**Legislation #0174-21:** An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, Budget and Finance and Naabik'íyáti Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Enacting the Navajo Nation Nilch' Éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021  
Sponsor: Delegate Daniel E. Tso; Co-Sponsor: Delegate Seth Damon

Has had it under consideration and reports the same with the recommendation that it DO PASS with no amendments

And thereafter referred to the Law and Order Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Carl R. Slater, Vice-Chairman  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Date: August 25, 2021

Main Motion:

Motion: Honorable Edison Wauneka

Second: Honorable Paul Begay

Vote: 3-1-2

**HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Regular Meeting**

**August 25, 2021**

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Yea: Paul Begay, Jr; Edison J. Wauneka; Daniel E. Tso

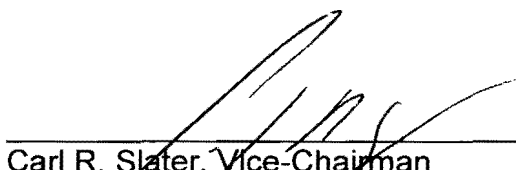
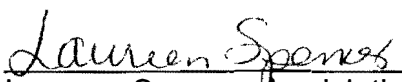
Nay: Pernell Halona

Not Voting: Carl R. Slater (Presiding Chair)

Excused: Charlaine Tso

Absent:

Vote: 3-1-2

  
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Carl R. Slater, Vice-Chairman  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council  
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Lauren Spencer, Legislative Advisor  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Office of Legislative Services

**THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY**

**LEGISLATION NO.: 0174-21**

**SPONSOR: Honorable Daniel E. Tso**

**TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, Budget and Finance and Naabik'íyáti Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Enacting the Navajo Nation Nilch' Éí Bee líná – Air is Life Act of 2021**

**Posted: August 19, 2021 at 4:58 PM**

**5 DAY Comment Period Ended: August 25, 2021**

**Digital Comments received:**

<b>Comments Supporting</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Tiffany Kerr</li> <li>2.) Dona Upson, MD, MA, ATSF</li> <li>3.) Sierra Wilcox</li> <li>4.) Chantal Dominquez, MPH</li> <li>5.) Zahlanii Henderson</li> <li>6.) Mato Henderson</li> <li>7.) Patricia Nez Henderson, MD, MPH</li> <li>8.) Peter Nez, Jr.</li> <li>9.) Hershel Clark, MPH</li> <li>10.) Cynthia Hallett, MPH</li> <li>11.) Annie Tegen, MPH</li> <li>12.) Janna Vallo, MPA, CPS</li> <li>13.) David S. Clark</li> <li>14.) Willie Tracey Jr., ABNDN President</li> <li>15.) Lesley Meyer</li> <li>16.) Chris Roller &amp; Eric Batch</li> <li>17.) Laurel McCloskey</li> <li>18.) Kelsey Yonnie</li> <li>19.) Smoke Free Wildcats</li> <li>20.) 193 Participants in Favor of <i>Air is Life</i> Petition</li> <li>21.) Cameron Chapter</li> <li>22.) Chinle Chapter</li> <li>23.) Crownpoint Chapter</li> <li>24.) Crystal Chapter</li> <li>25.) Central Agency Council</li> <li>26.) Dilkon Chapter</li> <li>27.) Forest Lake Chapter</li> </ol>
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<b>Comments Opposing</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Comments/Recommendations</b>	1.) LeAnn Jim



**Legislative Tracking Secretary  
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**September 1, 2021 11:30 AM**

**Date/Time**



August 23, 2021

The Honorable Daniel Tso  
Council Delegate and Committee Chairman  
The Navajo Nation Council  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Post Office Box 3390  
Window Rock, Navajo Nation AZ 86515

Re: Letter of Support for the Navajo Nation Nítch' éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021

Dear Chairman Tso:

It is with great pleasure that I am writing in support of the “Navajo Nation Nítch' éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021” led by the Air is Life Coalition. I have been a longtime advocate for improving the wellbeing of Navajo communities. I believe the proposed Air is Life Act will provide much needed support in protecting the health and wellbeing of the Navajo people and visitors in the Navajo Nation. In addition, this Act will improve the safety of Navajo workers by protecting them from commercial tobacco secondhand smoke within the Navajo Nation.

I am aware of the Air is Life Coalition efforts. I know that the work they provide in educating the Navajo people about the dangers of commercial tobacco smoke and use is critical to the health and wellbeing of the Navajo Nation. This public health initiative has created a positive change toward living in harmony for the Navajo people, especially as we move forward from the COVID-19 pandemic. I believe the proposed Air is Life Act will further the work in public health and most importantly will save lives. In closing, I strongly support the Air is Life proposed legislation, “Navajo Nation Nítch' éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021.” I appreciate their efforts to broadly elevate the health of the Navajo people. If there is anything more that I can do to support this important public health initiative, please let me know. I wish you the best and thank you for your time regarding this important public health work.

Sincerely,

Dona Upson, MD, MA, ATSF

Albuquerque, NM 87108

8/24/2021

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In closing, I whole heartily support the Air is Life proposed legislation, “Navajo Nation Níłch' éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021”. I appreciate their continuous efforts to broadly elevate the health of the Navajo people. If there is anything more that I can do to support this important public health initiative, please let me know. I wish you the best and thank you for your time regarding this important public health work.

Sincerely,

Sierra Wilcox

Winslow, AZ 86047

August 23, 2021

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Council Delegate and Committee Chairman  
The Navajo Nation Council  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
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Yá'át'ééh,

Shí éí Tiffany Kerr yinishyé. Kinyaa'aanii nishł́, Bilagáana bashishchiin, Áshiihíí dashicheii, Bilagáana dashinalí.

It is with great pleasure to support for the “Navajo Nation Niltch' éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021”, without exemptions, led by the Air is Life Coalition. As leaders of the Navajo Nation, you have the ability to make public health history on the Navajo Nation by enacting one of the most comprehensive clean air laws that will save thousands of lives. The proposed Air is Life will not only protect the health and wellbeing of Diné people but also thousands of visitors who travel to the Navajo Nation each year.

In addition, this Act will ensure the safety of Diné workers who are exposed to any commercial secondhand smoke, which is known to cause serious health effects and premature death. Those who work in gaming enterprises are at most risk, as they are inhaling toxic chemicals from their casino patrons for hours on end. I fully support including gaming enterprises in this Act.

The Air is Life Coalition strives to educate Diné people about the dangers of commercial tobacco use on the Navajo Nation. This public health initiative has created a positive change toward living in harmony for Diné people, especially as we move forward during the COVID-19 pandemic. I believe the proposed Air is Life Act will further the work in public health and, most importantly, save lives.

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Ahéhee',

*Tiffany Kerr*

Tiffany Kerr

Dennehotso, AZ 86535

# In Support of Navajo Nation Nilch' Éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021 (Legislation #0174-21)

Chantal Dominguez <chantal.nezdominguez@gmail.com>

Mon 8/30/2021 2:12 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

The Honorable Daniel Tso  
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Window Rock, AZ 86515  
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Regards,

Chantal Nez Dominguez, MPH  
From the Teesto Chapter (Ft Defiance Agency)

# In Support of Navajo Nation Nilch' Éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021 (Legislation #0174-21)

Zahlanii Henderson <zahlaniihenderson@yahoo.com>

Mon 8/30/2021 2:12 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Dear Navajo Nation Council Delegates,

I am a Navajo college student at the University of Arizona, majoring in Psychology. Upon completing my education, I hope to return to the Navajo Nation as a physician. Our Navajo teachings is all about HOZHO—the balance of our surroundings, including our environment. I must have been 3 years old when I was taught about the dangers of smoking and secondhand smoke exposure. Thus in our home, no one smokes cigarettes or e-cigs, and no one chews smokeless tobacco. Thus, I was quite surprise when I went to Twin Arrows Casino for the Chief Manuelito Scholarship ceremony several years ago. People, especially our Navajo people, were smoking inside that beautiful building. I have asthma so as I walked passed the gaming floor I had to literally hold my breath! I did not want my asthma to be triggered by the smoke. Thus, as my leaders, I urge all of you to pass the Navajo Nation Nilch' Éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021 (Legislation #0174-21) with NO exemption. Our Navajo communities need to be commercial tobacco-free, including our casinos! I have many relatives who worked at the Navajo casinos, but because of the smoke they quit their jobs. I am sure if the casinos were smoke-free they would have stayed. Finally, I appreciate all that you have done to protect our Navajo communities during the pandemic. It is due to strong public health policies that we have been able to get through this very difficult time. Ahehee

Zahlanii Henderson  
Teesto Chapter House

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# Navajo Nation Air is Life Act 2021

Mato Henderson <matohenderson2003@yahoo.com>

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To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Dear Navajo Leaders

While I am only 17 years old and unable to vote in the Navajo Nation election, I want my voice to be heard when it comes to the Navajo Nation Air is Life Act 2021. I am a senior in high school and plan to pursue my education in medicine. As a teenager I understand the negative health impacts of cigarettes and vaping. This information was taught to us in school from the time I was in 1st grade. I am advocating that you pass the Air is Life Act with no exemptions. I say this because it sends a strong message to the Navajo children and youth not to start smoking or chewing. Thank you and I look forward to voting in the next Tribal election when I turn 18!

Mato Henderson  
High School Student

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Rapid City, SD 57702

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# AIR IS LIFE

## Níłch'í éí bee iiná

The Honorable Daniel Tso  
Council Delegate and Committee Chairman  
The Navajo Nation Council Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Post Office Box 3390  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Dear Chairman Tso,

As a Dine' physician and public health scientist from Teesto Chapter House, I am in support of *Navajo Nation Nilch' Éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021 (Legislation #0174-21)* with NO exemptions.

The science is clear about secondhand smoke (SHS) exposure: 1) There are no safe levels of SHS; and 2) There is no ventilation system that can clear out the cancer-causing toxins of SHS. However, commercial tobacco-free policies are the best method to get rid of SHS and to create a healthy environment. Further, research shows that through a comprehensive commercial tobacco-free policy, communities experience the health benefits through reductions of heart attacks, cancers, respiratory illnesses, and other chronic illnesses.

Honorable Daniel Tso, thank you for introducing a legislation that will create a healthy environment for all of our people, especially those who work in environments where smoking is still allowed. This legislation will promote life!! With everything our Navajo communities have experienced with the COVID pandemic over the past 1.5 years, Navajo Nation Nilch' Éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021 will support all the mitigation efforts that have been put in place by our leaders. Unfortunately, we still do not know the long-term health impacts of those who have developed COVID and are still recovering. Whether their lungs, heart, brain, kidneys, and other organs will be compromised for many years, we do not know. We do know any SHS exposure among these individuals is not healthy. The opportunity to protect these individuals is by passing this historic health policy with NO exemptions.

Our Navajo culture and tradition promotes life. We believe every life is sacred and every breath is sacred. However, through colonization, the tobacco industry has modified the nicotiana plant and made it both addictive and deadly. I believe we are in a period where we are reclaiming this sacred plant and restoring our communities back to health and wellness. The passage of *Navajo Nation Nilch' Éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021 (Legislation #0174-21)* with NO exemptions will promote the sacredness of every life.

Regards,

Patricia Nez Henderson, MD, MPH  
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# AIR IS LIFE

## Níłch'í éí bee iiná

Attn: NN- HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICE COMMITTEE,

If read into record. MY SUPPORT OF 0174-21, If not An Emergency Health Legislation to become Law of the Land. The honorable act of 24th NNC and Speaker of the house is admirable. The ACT will provide every Navajo family, hope above all HOPE! The word "HOPE". This decree given to a Kingdom under God the benefits of a prosperous Nation. Just think how much more our Navajo People will benefit from this decree. Only if they listen.

The AIR IS LIFE LEGISLATION since it's development in the early years leading to Present. The collaboration and partnership of local health advocates, human rights advocates, TEAM NAVAJO HEALTH COALITION, "THE HONORING THE SPIRIT HEALTH COALITION", AND AIR IS LIFE HEALTH COALITION, Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Diné, Diné Hataalii Association, including many more other associations across Navajo. Former Navajo Nation Chairman and Presidents express the need for SUPPORT OF THIS ACT from 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and again today with 0174-21 Act. Many individuals including the 21st NNC have supported this proposed Act all in its entirety (no amendments). New ACT's and Executive Orders have been proposed through an Executive Order by President Ben Shelly making historical orders to make Navajo Nation safe from smoking and secondhand smoke. 16 years of outcry from the Navajo public regard the dangers of secondhand smoke in indoors at public places and workplaces in the Navajo Nation. All Navajo employees must be protected in 2021.

Navajo Nation Chairman, President, and many Council delegates, starting from Honorable Peter MacDonald, Kelsey Begay (RIP), Ben Shelly, Vice President RL Jim have all spoken in support of this Act. Former Honorable, Council Delegate Mr. Charles Damon, Church Rock with the support of Team Navajo Health Coalition introduce the first Act in protecting all Navajo employees. Now our present Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez was a huge support of this Act in its entirety. Hope above all hope he will continue to see the unseen. With the support of Legislation, Executive, and Judicial Branch the time is now to protect all of our Dine' people across the world.

Since its first inception many things' miracles have taken place. The development of 10 Year Health and Wellness Plan "Moving forward in Wellness." 2015-2024. Quote "WE will put our Nation on a ten-year wellness plan for healthier and stronger people. Prevention and awareness will be our methods in reaching these goals. It starts at home, with us, in our conscious, daily routines." The Honorable Ben Shelly, President of the Navajo Nation. Inaugural address on Tuesday, January 11, 2011. The development of the Department of Health- Master Plan of Operation and the Navajo Epidemiology Center, and the development of first ever Public Health System, including Plan of Operation and goals in achieving 15 Goals. Navajo Nation Goals developed to reduce mortality - all address the loss of life. The essential need for AIR in sustaining life – AIR IS LIFE. As we are having to reassess, develop new policies, provide assurance, the Navajo Department of Health and public health services is the vehicle that will bring us the solution and answers of a prosperous Navajo Nation. So, while address the disparities the Navajo has to address the need for strong laws to protect the Navajo families, which is at the heart of new laws.

I have a personal story to add. I lost my father on February 13, 2016, to Cancer, who use commercial tobacco daily for years until it took him. We loss my father-in-law June 23, 2021, to Lung Cancer -



smoker. Both my father and grandfather loss their lives to commercial tobacco too young. Hope above All Hope. Hope for a Healthier and Strong Nation as addressed by Former President Ben Shelly. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peter Nez, Jr.  
Founder of TEAM NAVAJO HEALTH COALITION  
Seba Dalkai, Arizona.  
Teesto Chapter

# AIR IS LIFE

## Nítch'i éí bee iiná

The Honorable Daniel Tso  
Council Delegate and Committee Chairman  
The Navajo Nation Council  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Post Office Box 3390  
Window Rock, Navajo Nation AZ 86515

To Whom it May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I am writing in support for the “*Navajo Nation Nítch' éí Bee Iiná – Air is Life Act of 2021 – Legislative No. 0174-21*” (with no exemptions) led by the Air is Life Health Coalition. I am in great support for improving the wellbeing of our Navajo communities. I believe the proposed Air is Life Act of 2021 will provide much needed support in protecting the health and wellbeing of the Navajo people and visitors in the Navajo Nation. This Act will ensure the safety of the Navajo workers are protected from any dangers of commercial tobacco secondhand smoke within the Navajo Nation.

In closing, I whole heartily support the Air is Life Health Coalition’s proposed legislation, “*Navajo Nation Nítch' éí Bee Iiná – Air is Life Act of 2021*”. I appreciate the continuous efforts to elevate the health of the Navajo people, especially in light of COVID-19. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Hershel Clark, MPH

Name: Hershel Walker Clark  
Position Air is Life Health Advocate/ Navajo Citizen  
Address: Winslow, AZ 86047



August 21, 2021

The Honorable Daniel Tso  
Council Delegate and Committee Chairman  
The Navajo Nation Council  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Post Office Box 3390  
Window Rock, Navajo Nation AZ 86515

To Whom it May Concern,

The Southwest Navajo Tobacco Education Prevention Project (SNTEPP) is in great support for the "*Navajo Nation Niltch' éi Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021*" (no exemptions) led by the Air is Life Coalition. The Coalition have been a staunch advocate for improving the wellbeing of Navajo communities. SNTEPP believes the proposed Air is Life Act will provide much needed support in protecting the health and wellbeing of the Navajo people and visitors in the Navajo Nation. In addition, this Act will ensure the safety of the Navajo workers are protected from any dangers of commercial tobacco secondhand smoke within the Navajo Nation.

SNTEPP is aware of Air is Life Coalition efforts and know the work they provide in educating the Navajo people about the dangers of commercial tobacco smoke and use is critical to the health and wellbeing of the Navajo Nation. This public health initiative has created a positive change toward living in harmony for the Navajo people, especially as we move forward from the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, SNTEPP believes the proposed Air is Life Act will further the work in public health and most importantly will save lives.

In closing, SNTEPP whole heartily supports the Air is Life proposed legislation, "*Navajo Nation Niltch' éi Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021*". SNTEPP respectfully asks for your support in the passage of this important public health policy for the Navajo Nation. We appreciate the Navajo leadership continuous efforts to protect the health and wellbeing of the Navajo people. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*Hershel W. Clark*

Hershel Clark, MPH  
Program Manager  
Southwest Navajo Tobacco Education Prevention Project

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# AMERICANS FOR NONSMOKERS' RIGHTS

August 23, 2021

The Honorable Daniel Tso  
Council Delegate and Committee Chairman  
The Navajo Nation Council  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Post Office Box 3390  
Window Rock, Navajo Nation AZ 86515

**RE: Legislation NO: 0174-21; Sponsor: Daniel E. Tso**

An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyáti Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Enacting the Navajo Nation Nilch' Éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021

Dear Chairman Tso:

Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights is writing to wholeheartedly support the Navajo Nation **Nilch' éí Bee Ííńá—Air is Life Act of 2021** for all the people.

**Nilch' éí Bee Ííńá—Air is Life Act of 2021** identifies that there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke has been identified as a Class A carcinogen and is harmful to the people and the first priority for leadership is to protect the health and safety of its people, especially from a known health hazard. Smokefree ordinances give non-smokers and workers the benefits of breathing smokefree air in public places and at work. The American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and American Lung Association support smokefree laws that protect all workers and patrons from the harms of secondhand smoke.

**Nilch' éí Bee Ííńá—Air is Life Act of 2021** addresses the importance of maintaining and protecting ceremonial tobacco in the Navajo Nation while distinguishing it from commercial tobacco products such as cigarettes, cigars, snuff, and e-cigarettes.

**Nilch' éí Bee Ííńá—Air is Life Act of 2021** states that all workers deserve to have a safe workplace free from commercial tobacco smoke, especially people with pre-existing health conditions (e.g., heart disease, diabetes, asthma, bronchitis, and lung cancer). Smokefree laws ensure that everyone has equal protection from secondhand smoke in the workplace and in public spaces in the Navajo Nation.

**Nilch' éí Bee Ííńá—Air is Life Act of 2021** could have a beneficial economic impact for Navajo Nation

Gaming Enterprises since recent surveys have shown that the vast majority of gaming enthusiasts surveyed (94%, n=911) prefer a smokefree casino over a smoking one.<sup>1</sup>

According to the latest data, there has been a decrease in player's tolerance of smoking in the gaming environment. As of July 2021, there were approximately 1,034 smokefree gaming venues in the US, including at least 157 Tribal gaming facilities. Similarly, New Mexico and Arizona have a total of twenty 100% smokefree casinos combined to date.

Thank you for your leadership and service. Please feel free to call me at **(510) 460-0748** or email me at [cynthia.hallett@no-smoke.org](mailto:cynthia.hallett@no-smoke.org) if you have any questions, comments, or feedback.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cynthia Hallett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cynthia Hallett, MPH  
President and CEO

*Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights is a national, member-based, not-for-profit organization based in Berkeley, CA that is dedicated to helping nonsmokers breathe smokefree air since 1976.*

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<sup>1</sup> BCSlots.com, n=911 summary attached



The Honorable Daniel Tso  
Council Delegate and Committee Chairman  
The Navajo Nation Council  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Post Office Box 3390  
Window Rock, Navajo Nation AZ 86515

August 22, 2021

Dear Chairman Tso,

It is with great pleasure that I am writing in support for the “Navajo Nation Nitch’ éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021” led by the Air is Life Coalition. The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids is a proud member of the Air is Life Coalition and joins the group in advocating for improving the health of Navajo communities. The proposed Air is Life Act will protect the health and wellbeing of the Navajo people and visitors in the Navajo Nation. In addition, this Act will ensure the safety of the Navajo workers are protected from commercial tobacco secondhand smoke within the Navajo Nation.

The Air is Life Coalition provides education to the Navajo people about the dangers of commercial tobacco smoke. This public health initiative has created a positive change toward living in harmony for the Navajo people, especially as we continue to experience the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposed Air is Life Act will improve public health and most importantly will save lives.

We strongly support the Air is Life proposed legislation, “Navajo Nation Nitch’ éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021”. We support the continuous efforts of the Council to broadly elevate the health of the Navajo people. Thank you for your time regarding this important public health work.

Sincerely,

Annie Tegen, MPH  
Advocacy Director, Western U.S.  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids

[ategen@tobaccofreekids.org](mailto:ategen@tobaccofreekids.org)



August 23, 2021

The Honorable Daniel Tso  
Council Delegate and Committee Chairman  
The Navajo Nation Council  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Post Office Box 3390  
Window Rock, Navajo Nation AZ 86515

Dear Chairman Tso:

The national trend is growing in healthy lifestyles, especially now in the COVID-19 pandemic that has caused massive loss of life, hospital stays, and long-term effects. One of the deciding factors for re-opening for business and resuming their operations under standards of protocol in light of the pandemic has been whether to allow commercial tobacco products to be used in workplaces and public places in the Navajo Nation. Many casinos operated by Native American tribes have opted not to allow smoking. Even casinos and restores in other places such as Las Vegas, Nevada have accepted that being mask-less even for moments at a time causes exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Such business operations have accepted protocols for the longevity of workers and patrons, especially against exposure to commercial tobacco second-hand smoke.

It is my hope and belief that these protocols will continue well past the pandemic. That we will learn health comes first. I applaud the Navajo Gaming Enterprise for making a health decision to re-open Navajo Gaming facilities 100% smoke-free.

May the health of the people be put first and become an absolute priority. You have the power to make that happen. Please enact the Navajo Nation Nilch' éi Bee Ííiná—Air is Life Act of 2021 for all the people.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Janna Vallo, MPA, CPS  
Chair of the Southwest Tribal Tobacco Coalition

Albuquerque, NM 87110



August 22, 2021

The Honorable Daniel Tso  
Council Delegate and Committee Chairman  
The Navajo Nation Council  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Post Office Box 3390  
Window Rock, Navajo Nation AZ 86515

To Honorable Chairman Daniel Tso,

The Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Dine Nation Inc. (ABNDN) is a fundamental part of the traditional healer's framework of the Navajo Nation, as recognized by the Navajo Nation Government. As a leader of the ABNDN it is with great pleasure that I support the "*Navajo Nation Nilch' éi Bee Ííhá – Air is Life Act of 2021*" (**no exemptions**) led by the Air is Life Health Coalition.

I have been in support for improving the health of our Navajo communities. I believe the proposed Air is Life Act of 2021 will provide much needed support in protecting the health and wellbeing of the Navajo people and visitors in the Navajo Nation. In addition, this Act will ensure the safety of the Navajo workers are protected from any commercial tobacco secondhand smoke within the Navajo Nation.

I am aware of the Air is Life Health Coalition efforts and know the work they provide in educating the Navajo people, especially the ABNDN members, about the dangers of commercial tobacco smoke and use is critical to the health and wellbeing of the Navajo Nation. This public health initiative has created a positive change toward living in harmony for the Navajo people, especially as we move forward from the COVID-19 pandemic. I believe the proposed Air is Life Act will further the work in public health and most importantly will save lives.

In closing, I whole heartily support the proposed legislation, "*Navajo Nation Nilch' éi Bee Ííhá – Air is Life Act of 2021*". I appreciate the Air is Life Health Coalitions continuous efforts to broadly elevate the health of the Navajo people. If there is anything more that I can do to support this important public health initiative, please let me know. I wish you the best and thank you for your time regarding this important public health policy for the Nation.

Sincerely,

David S. Clark, Former ABNDN President





**AZEE' BEE NAHAGHA OF DINE NATION**

P.O. Box 1570 Chinle, Arizona 86503

Willie Tracey Jr., President  
Alburt Johnson, Vice President

Victoria Woody, Treasurer  
Roxyanne Harvey, Secretary

August 6, 2021

The Honorable Daniel Tso  
Council Delegate and Committee Chairman  
The Navajo Nation Council  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
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Window Rock, Navajo Nation AZ 86515

To Honorable Chairman Daniel Tso,

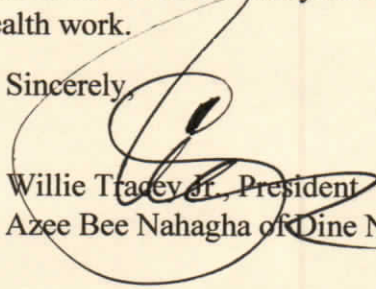
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The ABNDN have been a staunch advocate for improving the wellbeing of Navajo communities. ABNDN believes the proposed Air is Life Act of 2021 will provide much needed support in protecting the health and wellbeing of the Navajo people and visitors in the Navajo Nation. In addition, this Act will ensure the safety of the Navajo workers are protected from any commercial tobacco secondhand smoke within the Navajo Nation.

ABNDN is aware of the Air is Life Coalition efforts, and we know the work they provide in educating the Navajo people about the dangers of commercial tobacco smoke and use is critical to the health and wellbeing of the Navajo Nation. This public health initiative has created a positive change toward living in harmony for the Navajo people, especially as we move forward from the COVID-19 pandemic. I believe the proposed Air is Life Act will further the work in public health and most importantly will save lives.

In closing, ABNDN whole heartily support the proposed legislation, "Navajo Nation Nílch' éí Bee Ííiná – Air is Life Act of 2021". ABNDN appreciates the Air is Life Health Coalitions continuous efforts to broadly elevate the health of the Navajo people. If there is anything more that I can do to support this important public health initiative, please let me know. I wish you the best and thank you for your time regarding this important public health work.

Sincerely,

  
Willie Tracey Jr., President  
Azeé Bee Nahagha of Dine Nation, Inc.



August 24, 2021

The Honorable Daniel Tso  
Council Delegate and Committee Chairman  
The Navajo Nation Council  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Post Office Box 3390  
Window Rock, Navajo Nation AZ 86515

Re: Letter of Support for the Navajo Nation Nítch' éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021

Dear Chairman Tso:

I am writing on behalf of Keres Consulting, Inc. (Keres) in support for the “Navajo Nation Nítch' éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021” led by the Air is Life Coalition. Keres is a Native American-owned small business in New Mexico with decades of experience serving Navajo Nation and its people. Part of our work focuses on supporting clean air efforts in Diné communities, because all people deserve clean air, and we must prioritize protection of community members and of tradition.

We believe the proposed Air is Life Act will provide much needed support in protecting the health and wellbeing of the Diné people and visitors in the Navajo Nation. In addition, this Act will ensure the safety of the Diné workers are protected from any commercial tobacco secondhand smoke within the Navajo Nation.

Through our work we are aware of Air is Life Coalition efforts, and know the work they provide in educating the Diné people about the dangers of commercial tobacco smoke and use is critical to the health and wellbeing of the Navajo Nation. This public health initiative has created a positive change toward living in harmony for Diné people, especially as we move forward from the COVID-19 pandemic. We believe the proposed Air is Life Act will further the work in public health and most importantly will save lives.

In closing, we whole heartily support the Air is Life proposed legislation, “Navajo Nation Nítch' éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021”. We appreciate their continuous efforts to broadly elevate the health of the Diné people. If there is anything more that our program can do to support this important public health initiative, please let me know. We wish you the best and thank you for your time regarding this important public health work.

Sincerely,

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August 23, 2021

The Honorable Daniel Tso  
Council Delegate and Committee Chairman  
The Navajo Nation Council  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Post Office Box 3390  
Window Rock, Navajo Nation AZ 86515

Dear Chairman Tso:

As Advocacy leaders of the Southwest and Western Regions of the American Heart Association, we write in support of the "Air is Life Act."

The national trend is growing in healthy lifestyles, especially now in the COVID-19 pandemic that has caused massive loss of life, hospital stays, and long-term effects. One of the deciding factors for re-opening for business and resuming their operations under standards of protocol in light of the pandemic has been whether to allow commercial tobacco products to be used in workplaces and public places in the Navajo Nation. Many casinos operated by Native American tribes have opted to open smoke-free and remain smoke-free. Even casinos and resorts in other places such as Las Vegas, Nevada have accepted that being mask-less even for moments at a time causes exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Such business operations have accepted protocols for the longevity of workers and patrons, especially against exposure to commercial tobacco second-hand smoke.

It is our hope and belief that these protocols will continue well past the pandemic; that we will learn that health comes first. We applaud the Navajo Gaming Enterprise for making a healthy decision to re-open Navajo Gaming facilities 100% smoke-free.

May the health of the people be put first and become an absolute priority. You have the power to make that happen. Please, enact the Navajo Nation Nítch' éí Bee Ííńá—Air is Life Act of 2021 for all the people.

Respectfully,

Chris Roller  
Vice President, Advocacy  
American Heart Association,  
Southwest Region

Eric Batch  
Vice President, Advocacy  
American Heart Association,  
Western Region



CHRONIC DISEASE  
PREVENTION COUNCIL



August 24, 2021

The Honorable Daniel Tso  
Council Delegate and Committee Chairman  
The Navajo Nation Council  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Post Office Box 3390  
Window Rock, Navajo Nation AZ 86515

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Respectfully,

Laurel McCloskey  
Executive Director  
Chronic Disease Prevention Council  
P.O. Box 3511  
Albuquerque, NM 87190



**To: Nathan Tso, Chairperson, HHS Committee, Navajo Nation**  
**From: American Indian Research Center for Health (AIRCH)**  
**Re: *Air is Life* Act**  
**Date: August 3, 2021**

**Supporting the Proposed Legislation entitled “Navajo Nation Nítch’ éí Bee Ííńá *Air is Life* Act of 2021”**  
**Led by the Navajo Nation *Air is Life* Coalition.**

The American Indian Research Center for Health (AIRCH) strongly supports passage of the *Air is Life* Act of 2021. The American Indian Research Center for Health, funded by the Indian Health Services under the Native American Research Center for Health initiative has been actively supporting Tribal communities in Arizona since 2003. AIRCH is built upon a collaborative group that fosters research to improve the health status of American Indian people, to increase the number of American Indian scientists and health professionals engaged in research, and to educate non-Indians about culturally appropriate health research within American Indian/Alaska Native communities.

Research findings show that Alaska Natives and American Indians (AI/AN) have the highest prevalence of cigarette smoking compared to all other racial/ethnic groups in the US <sup>1</sup>. Along with cigarette smoking, e-cigarettes are on the rise: 40% of AI/AN high school youth currently smoke e-cigarettes and 16% of middle school youth smoke e-cigarettes according to a 2019 study<sup>2</sup>. Heart disease and cancers related to smoking are the leading causes of death among AI/AN groups.

Due to our relevant history of working to improve the health status of American Indian people, we are submitting a position statement supporting and approving the Act. It is essential that the *Air is Life* Act of 2021 is passed because of the known risks of second-hand smoking and the substantial financial and health benefits associated with smoke free environments. We support the *Air is Life* Act 2021 in making the Navajo Nation 100% Smoke-free within workplaces and public places in the Navajo Nation, including the Navajo gaming casinos.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Yonnie (Diné)  
Bachelors of Science in Public Health  
AIRCH Fellow

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**To: Nathan Tso, Chairperson, HHS Committee, Navajo Nation**  
**From: Smoke Free Wildcats**  
**Re: Air is Life Act**  
**Date: July 7, 2021**

**Supporting the Proposed Legislation entitled “Navajo Nation Niltch’ éí Bee Ííńá Air is Life Act of 2021” led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.**

Smoke Free Wildcats supports the passing of the *Air is Life Act* of 2021. Smoke Free Wildcats has a history of advocating for policies that decrease the risk of exposure to secondhand smoke. The club’s priority is to spread awareness about the dangers of secondhand smoke, specifically in multi-unit housing, such as student housing, hotels and apartments. Due to our relevant history working with tobacco cessation policy, we have decided to submit a position statement supporting and approving the Act. The *Air is Life Act* of 2021 should be passed because of the substantial financial and health benefits associated with smoke free environments.

The financial benefits posed by the *Air is Life Act* of 2021 will positively impact both casinos and other workplaces and businesses. Although a popular opposing argument has been the financial loss posed for casinos, there is a multitude of evidence that casinos opening smoke free would be more cost effective. Some examples include reduced maintenance costs, lessened financial investment in multimillion dollar ventilation systems, new audiences, and reduced disease and healthcare costs. The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) has found that these multimillion dollar ventilation systems can only limit the odor and associated discomfort, but they cannot eliminate the health hazards from exposure to secondhand smoke when smoking is allowed inside or near a building. In fact, they hold the position that the “...only means of avoiding health effects and eliminating indoor ETS exposure is to ban all smoking activity inside and near buildings” (ASHRAE, 2020)<sup>[1]</sup>. There are also many more financial benefits to consider when transitioning other businesses and workplaces to smoke free policy. Research in the U.S. indicates that local businesses and workplaces receive these financial benefits from increased productivity, lowered healthcare costs, and an increased life expectancy for all (Rumberger et al. 2010)<sup>[2]</sup>. *In addition to lessened financial investment in expensive and useless ventilation systems, as well as reduced costs for maintenance and healthcare, there are also many health benefits to consider.*

Smoking is a hazardous activity that affects health outcomes for smokers and the people around them. Among the countless health risks associated with smoking, including heart disease and increased risk of cancer, there are also generational disparities that exist and a connection between smoking and the spread of COVID-19. The Navajo Nation has found that

there is a link between smoking tobacco and an increased risk of developing COVID-19. It has also been determined that current and former smokers have a higher chance of getting severely ill from COVID-19 (Air is Life Chapter Resolution). Many businesses opened smoke free in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, however remaining smoke free would prevent exacerbating residual symptoms and reduce airborne droplet transmission through secondhand smoke. Smoke free conditions would benefit casino workers that are consistently exposed to high concentrations of secondhand smoke and therefore COVID-19 transmission. Even before COVID-19 became a factor, casino workers like Nathan Moose (Oglala Sioux) experienced deadly health impacts from secondhand smoke (CDC, 2013)<sup>[3]</sup>. Nathan Moose never smoked a day in his life, yet he died at the young age of 53 after working only 11 years in a smoky casino. The secondhand smoke permanently damaged his lungs and led to his early death. In broader terms, smoke free environments would benefit all Native citizens of Navajo Nation, when taking into account the higher smoking rates among American Indian and Alaska Native adults compared to other races and ethnicities. The Truth Initiative has found that “More than 1 in 5 (22.6%) adult American Indians and Alaska Natives currently smoke cigarettes compared to 13.7% overall” (Truth Initiative)<sup>[4]</sup>. It is estimated that among this 22.6%, more than half (55.6%) report wanting to quit their smoking habits. Going smoke free in businesses, workplaces, casinos, and other public areas would lessen the urge to smoke and give more opportunities for quitting completely.

Smoke Free Wildcats is in full support of the *Air is Life Act of 2021*. It is our position that the Act is advantageous to health and must be passed. Passing this Act will result in numerous health and financial benefits for current smokers and the surrounding community from secondhand smoke exposure. We thank you for taking our position into consideration and hope you agree that smoke free policy is beneficial for all.

Sincerely,

Emma Sawyer  
*Smoke Free Wildcats President*

Natalie Schwark  
*Smoke Free Wildcats Secretary*

Annika Williams  
*Smoke Free Wildcats Vice-President*

***\*\*Disclaimer: Smoke Free Wildcats is a student-run club that was created through the University of Arizona. This in mind, our opinions do not speak for the University at large.***



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**Elvera Hernandez**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Claradina Soto**

Whittier, California 90602

**Eric Ossowski**

Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

**Emily Waldron**

Tucson, Arizona 85713

**Philip Carpenter**

Chandler, Arizona 85286-4367

It's time for Native Americans to again demonstrate meaningful and highly impactful tobacco control leadership just like the Hopi did back in 1983 by making the Keams Canyon Indian Health Service Hospital a Smokefree facility, the first in the world! The Navajo Nation Council can match that achievement enacting a

**Michael Allison**

Mesa, Arizona 85206

Long overdue.

**Amber Linneweber**

Box Elder, South Dakota 57719

**Catherine Towers**

Covelo, California 95428

I live in Covelo, California, which is the home of the largest reservation in California - land mass wise. They have a small casino which you can smoke in.

**Brian Hummell**

Scottsdale, Arizona 85254

**Doug Brugge**

Watertown, Massachusetts 2472

Glad to see this effort being made

**Brittany Carter**

Palm Springs, California 92262

Please protect the health of EVERYONE by going 100% smoke free!

**Roberta Cano**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

I fully support this initiative.

**Cynthia Begay**

Pasadena, California 91101

**Rae OLeary**

Timber Lake, South Dakota 57656

**thomas addison**

Chandler, Arizona 85225

**Brian Webb**

Steuben, Maine 4680

**Tara W**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Shayna Nelson**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Natasha Phelps**

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105

I am not Indigenous but (humbly) support the Navajo Nation Council in choosing to adopt the Navajo Nation Niłch'í bee iiná™ "Air is Life Act that would protect the health of Navajo people, workers, and visitors, especially during this pandemic that has hit Navajo Nation and other Indigenous

**Annie Tegen**

Seattle, Washington 98103

Please support this lifesaving act to make Navajo Nation a healthier nation!

**Bernice Carver**

Flagstaff, Arizona 86004

Life is sacred. Please protect the health and lives of everyone.

**Krystal Bitsui**

Tuba City, Arizona 86045

**Hershel Clark**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

Thank you for protecting the peoples health!

**Kyla James**

Tucson, Arizona 85711

**Clinton Isham**

Chicago, Illinois 60626-6074

As a Tribal citizen of the Ojibwe Nation, I support the decolonization of commercial tobacco and the return of our most sacred medicine: traditional tobacco. Policy can help this process tremendously

**Pat Goltz**

Tucson, Arizona 85740

You deserve the fresh air the Great Spirit created for you. I support you in every way. Walk in beauty.

**Petrina Davis**

Sun City, Arizona 85351

**Doreen Silas**

Tempe, Arizona 85282

**Jill Verbridge**

Tucson, Arizona 85719

**Bonnie Robertson**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Karen Zielaski**

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

**Amanda Hunter**

Flagstaff, Arizona 86005

**Seraphine Leonard**

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120

**Kim Parra**

Tucson, Arizona 85716

**Kelly Palmer**

Tucson, Arizona

**Laura Rocha**

Chandler, Arizona 85286

**Dana Wilcox**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

No smoking in casinos is a great idea! I'll be a frequent customer when this passes!

**Brian Wilcox**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Todd Wilcox**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Amy Romo**

Scottsdale, Arizona 85260

Make this Act for the whole Phoenix Metro too!

**Roberta Lister**

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

**William McGowan**

Tucson, Arizona 85745

**Tanya Nells**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Cindy Honani**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Kristen Morales**

Alamogordo, New Mexico 88310

**Lindalou dunphy**

Manchester Township, New Jersey 8759

**Sylvia Begishie**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Nam Mitchell**

Portola, California 96122-7505

**Sacheen Smith**

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87114

**Mona Seamon**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

Please make all of Navajo Nation smoke free to protect our elders, youth + all. Ahe'hee!

**Kaitlyn Benally**

Tucson, Arizona 85719

**Santana Nez**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Jason Bahe**

Tucson, Arizona 85742

**Kristina Hamilton**

Chicago, Illinois 60613

**Charlotte Chino**

Phoenix, Arizona 85020

**Maggie Hopkins**

Oakland, California 94619

**Shania Yazzie**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Corey Hemstreet**

Phoenix, Arizona 85041

**Beverly J. Rutan**

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 2467

**Eileen Burke**

Claudville, Virginia 24076

This is a vital concern not just for the patrons, but for the staff as well.

**Patricia Nez Henderson**

Rapid City, South Dakota 57702

Everyone should live, play, and work in an environment that promotes life!

**Ashley Lowe**

Tucson, Arizona 85755

**Irene Martinez**

Peridot, Arizona 85542

**Sharon Jackson**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Janice Childers**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Daisy yabeny**

Shiprock, New Mexico 87420

**Geraldine Clark**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Hendrik De Heer**

Flagstaff, Arizona 86004

**Matp Henderson**

Rapid City, South Dakota 57702

**Pamela Shack**

Tucson, Arizona 85715



**Gretchen Rutan**

West Newton, Massachusetts 2465

**Hannah Funke**

Polson, Montana 59860

I think smoking has ruined our resort here at home. There is nowhere in the resort that doesn't smell like smoke. I am sensitive to smoke, so I can no longer enjoy the resort/casino.

**Vernon Laughlin**

Brimhall, New Mexico 87310

**David Clark**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

Keep our tobacco sacred. Yeego!

**Char Day**

Durango, Colorado 81301

Please please go smokefree!

**Wanda MacDonald**

Tuba City, Arizona 86045

For our future generations we must stay one in the spirit.

**Daniel Tafoya**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Mariah Uluave**

Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201

**Laquoya Joe**

Dennehotso, Arizona 86535

**Sue Whitey**

San Leandro, California 94578

Please sign and pass it on

**Nicole Francisco**

Thoreau, New Mexico 87323

**tiffani begay**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

Signing to have our nation smoke-free and that includes our casinos

**Stewart Dukepoo**

Polacca, Arizona 86042

**Diane Rutan**

Braintree, Massachusetts 2184

**Justin Frago**

Tucson, Arizona 85704

**Malachi Daw**

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108

**Crystal B**

Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87124

Smoke Free is the way to be!

**Terry Nordbrock**

Tucson, Arizona 85716

Clean air is so important! Thank you for your leadership in creating safety.

**R-Laurraine Tutihasi**

Oracle, Arizona 85623

Breathing clean air is a basic right for all living things.

**Traci Kennedy**

West Des Moines, Iowa 50265

Everyone deserves the right to breathe smokefree air! Please ensure 100% Smokefree indoor air protections for all of Navajo Nation.

**Lacretia Chee**

Leupp, Arizona 86035

**Zahlanii Henderson**

Rapid City, South Dakota 57702

Let's protect our Navajo people from the dangers of commercial tobacco products, especially our Navajo casino workers, elders, and youth!

**Scott Rutan**

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 2467

**Joel Dunnington**

New Braunfels, Texas 78132

All customers and all workers should have Smokefree indoor air.

**Aiyanna Nash**

Kayenta, Arizona 86033

**Malva Etsitty**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Janelle Smith**

Glendale, Arizona 85302

**Megan Piper**

Verona, Wisconsin 53593



**Camille Drapeaux-Stewart**

Topeka, Kansas 66616

**Kaylynn Lyons**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Jacqueline Nahee**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**katie albrecht**

Slater, Iowa 50244

**Brandi Hensley**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Dian Kiser**

Sacramento, California 95825

You are guiding the way for the health of Navajo people. Thank you.

**Emma Rutan**

New Haven, Connecticut 6511

**Casey Long**

Washington, District of Columbia 20003

**Elvira Begay**

Chinle, Arizona 86503

**Rebe Robertson**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Eugene Scott**

Phoenix, Arizona 85042

For a better environment and our better health we need to go smoke free in our entertainment centers and in our communities and establishments; chapter houses.

**Janelle Stanley**

Phoenix, Arizona 85044

**DOLORES DEE RODRIGUEZ**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

nice

**Sierra Wilcox**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

Definitely all for this! The health of our people matter!

**Verenda Scott**

Glendale, Arizona 85302

**BW Perkins**

Tempe, Arizona 85285

Smoking stinks !

**Katherine Nelson**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Emily Cooksey**

Dayton, Ohio 45402

**Judy Lee**

Farmington, New Mexico 87401

**May Begay**

Kayenta, Arizona 86033

I fully support the initiative of Air is Life Coalition.

**Aimee Wilcox**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Patrick Harr**

Maryville, Missouri 64468

**Dawn Quintana**

Gothenburg, Nebraska 69138

I'm half Navajo I'm proud to sign this I shared this so others on  
fb I pray will sign its an honor to help my ppl I will do n sign what  
ever you need with much honor n respect to you all Dawn  
Monique Quintana

**MacKenzie Smith**

Buckeye, Arizona 85326

**Deanna Wilcox**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Thomas Wilcox**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

No smoking

**Virginia Hart**

Phoenix, Arizona 85032

**Daniel Miller**

Evansville, Indiana 47713

**JoAnna Strother**

Chandler, Arizona 85286

**Robert Schaefer**

Queen Creek, Arizona 85142

Anything that promotes a non smoking environment, Iâ€™m all for it

**Charlene Robertson**

Phoenix, Arizona 85027

**Gina Williams**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

I love smoke free casinos

**Brian Perkins**

Tempe, Arizona 85285

Smokefree and tailpipe free is the way of the future.

**Benjamin Yavel**

Brooklyn, New York 11219

Cigarettes are bad mmkaayy

**Diane Jones**

Denver, Colorado 80224

**Patricia Lew**

Bishop, California 93514

Here in my town, my Nuumu (Paiute) friends who smoke commercial tobacco really wish they never started and really work hard to make sure their kids don't start. Having smokefree indoor environments in all our communities is key to not normalizing something that kills and devastates families. Thank

**Ann Karen McGowan**

Tucson, Arizona

For the well being of everyone.

**Susie Wauneka**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

I support a non-smoking Navajo Nation.

**Kristin Brookover**

Urbandale, Iowa 50322

**Pete Nez**

Flagstaff, Arizona 86005

**Valerie Huerta**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**toni syring**

Sandy, Oregon 97055

**Daniel Brown**

Marshall, Wisconsin 53559

In the grand scheme of things, we Natives represent a relatively small percentage of the US population. Let's keep as many of us alive as we can!!

**Chantal Nez**

Wichita, Kansas 67226

**John Valverde**

Kansas City, Kansas 66102

**Sherreise Beaty**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Stephanie Lackey**

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

**Kim Curley**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

100% support

**Jennifer Richards**

Flagstaff, Arizona 86004

**Kallie Pretty On Top**

Crow Agency, Montana 59022

**Holly Callahan**

Oakland, California 94606

**Lisa White**

Phoenix, Arizona 85042

Protect our People: protect our generation to generation!  
Let's continue to uplift our voices.

**Courtney Horning**

Evansville, Indiana 47722

Please ensure 100% Smokefree indoor air protections for all of Navajo Nation!!

**Kalisi Uluave**

Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201

**Gloria Montijo**

Tucson, Arizona 85756

**Chris Rutan**

West Newton, Massachusetts 2465

**Kelsey Yonnie**

Flagstaff, Arizona 86005

**Suzette Haskie**

Sanostee, New Mexico 87461

**Dayhenoa Yazzie**

Kayenta, Arizona 86033

**Brian Mifsud**

Palm Springs, California 92262

We all deserve to breath clean air. ALL of us.

**Deswood Tome**

Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Traditional uses of mountain tobacco is sacred and meant to be used in the confines of prayer and ceremony. Commercial tobacco is meaningless.

**Darlene Clark**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

Make it permanent! Thank you!

**Erica Olivares**

Tucson, Arizona 85743

Air is life ǫ́'ǫ́

**Mesha Fuson**

Battle Creek, Michigan 49037

**Theresa Boschert**

Sacramento, California 95825

Thank you for all you do for the health of Navajo people.

**Merle Stago**

Winslow, Arizona

**Elisabetta Orsucci**

Moores Hill, Indiana 47032

**Henrietta Yabeny**

Bremerton, Washington 98312

**Annika Williams**

Tucson, Arizona

**Maria Azzarelli**

Las Vegas, Nevada 89121

Please help protect the health of our Navajo brothers and sisters. During this time of COVID-19 it is even more important to assure that workers' lungs stay healthy so as not to be susceptible to viruses.



**Margot McElroy-Hunter**

Tucson, Arizona 85710

**Michael Lawler**

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87121

Why not the right to unpolluted air before anyone's so-called right to inflict secondhand smoke on innocent bystanders?

**Dodie Wyckoff**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Alison Green**

Denton, Texas 76208

We tried to visit a casino when we were in Ruidoso and couldn't stay because the smoke was too thick. Haven't been to a casino yet because of it.

**Myrhea Sherman**

Tonalea, Arizona 86044

**Carl O'Kelley**

Tucson, Arizona 85711

E-cigarettes, hookah water pipe shisha tobacco and so-called 'heated tobacco products' like IQOS, HEET must be included. Switching to any of them is not quitting nicotine, which is always a neurotoxin and always stiffens blood vessels, among other dangers. E-cigarette aerosols, including secondhand aerosols,

**Alverda McKinley**

Round Rock, Arizona 86547

**Greg Rutan**

Braintree, Massachusetts 2184

**pesach kremen**

Las Vegas, Nevada 89147

There is no reason why the dirty, disgusting, also dangerous to others habit , of 20% of the population should be more important than the health of the majority. making banning Smoking a must!

**Tim Paich**

Long Beach Township, New Jersey 08008

**Stephanie Nelson**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

Thank you for advocating for our Native people. Ahá'há'!

**Echohawk Lefthand**

Omaha, Nebraska 68164

Air is life!

**Eve Shapiro**

Tucson, Arizona 85718

**Tiffany Kerr**

Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

**Peter MacDonald**

Tuba City, Arizona 86045

We need the law, it's bad enough to breathe in bad air from many other forms of pollution. It'll be a great service to people.

**Megan Lymer**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Marilyn L Atcitty**

Flagstaff, Arizona 86004

Smoking causes cancer and other respiratory health problems for many members of the Navajo Nation and other Indigenous Nations. Second hand smoke pass lung & respiratory infections to the non smoking family members. It is imperative that our leaders take action to legislate Air is Life Act of 2021 for the

**Linda Kosmalski**

San Manuel, Arizona 85631

**Sonya Norton**

Mesa, Arizona 85201

I agree with smoke free casinos.

**Evanne Adam**

Rapid City, South Dakota 57702

**Carissa Beatty**

Long Beach, California 90814

**Cynthia Hallett**

Alameda, California 94501

I no longer spend time or money in places that allow smoking indoors. The smoke is not only irritating but hazardous to my health. I would happily make a trip to one of your casinos if you would make them 100% smokefree indoors permanently. Thank you for your consideration.

**Lorraine Singer**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Merleina Curtis**

Winslow, Arizona 86047

**Margaret Weber**

Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119

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### CAMERON CHAPTER

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THE RESOLUTION OF CAMERON CHAPTER  
NAVAJO NATION, COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA

Cameron Chapter Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation entitled "Navajo Nation Nítch'ih éí Bee Iiná Air is Life Act of 2021" led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.

### RESOLUTION NO. CA-178-187#1

#### WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant of 26 N.N.C., 3(a) the Cameron Chapter is a duly recognized certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation government, as listed at 11 N.N.C., part 1, section 10, and;
2. Pursuant to N.N.C., Section 1(B) Cameron Chapter is vested with the authority to Review all matters affecting the community and to make appropriate Correction when necessary and make recommendation to the Navajo Nation and other Local agencies for appropriate actions, and;
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát'oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and

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### CAMERON CHAPTER

6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:


The Cameron Chapter further requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the Cameron Chapter area.

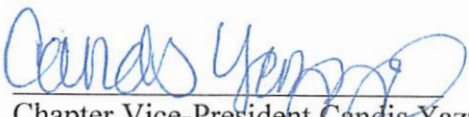
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It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Cameron Chapter, Cameron, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and the same was passed with a vote 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained on this 27th day of June, 2021.

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ S/T \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_ VP \_\_\_\_\_

  
Chapter President Charlie Smith, Jr.

  
Chapter Vice-President Candis Yazzie

  
Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Louise Kerley.

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# Chinle Chapter Government

THE NAVAJO NATION

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**Oscar Bia**

GRAZING COMMITTEE MEMBER

**RoAnn Burbank**

SECRETARY/TREASURER

## RESOLUTION OF THE CHINLE CHAPTER

CHINLE, ARIZONA

CHIN-JUN-021-039

### SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION ENTITLED "NAVAJO NATION NILCH' E I BEE IIN A AIR IS LIFE ACT OF 2021" LED BY THE NAVAJO NATION AIR IS LIFE COALITION.

#### WHEREAS:

1. Chinle Chapter, a recognized local government of the Navajo Nation, vested with the power and authority to advocate on behalf of its constituents for the improvement of health, education, safety, and general welfare;
2. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation;
3. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát'oh/Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes;
4. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses;
5. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current, or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
6. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

#### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Chinle Chapter further requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the Chinle Agency area.

#### CERTIFICATION

We, hereby certify that the foregoing chapter resolution was duly considered by the Chinle Chapter Government at a duly called meeting in Chinle, Navajo Nation (Arizona), which a quorum was present and that the same by vote 12 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstained, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2021.

Motion by: Rochelle Yazzie Second by: Walton Yazzie



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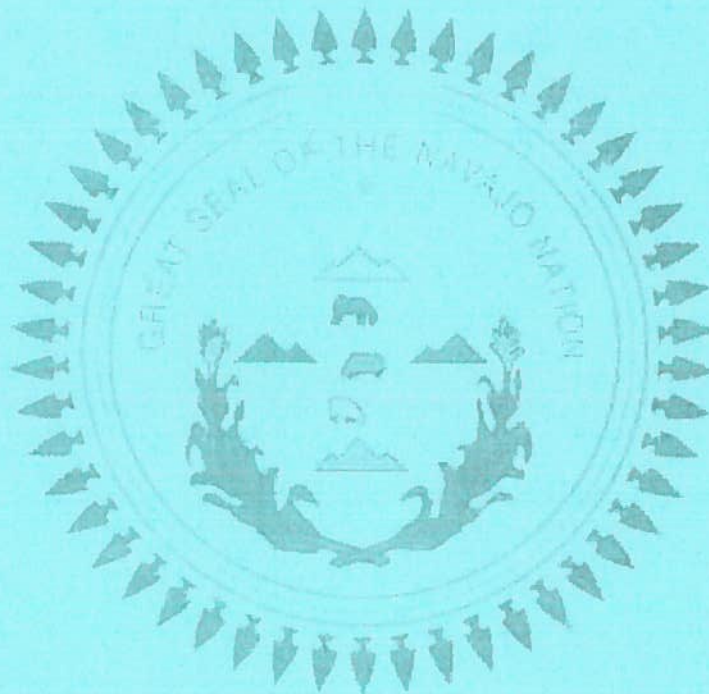
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## Resolution: CPC-21-07-02

### SUPPORT AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION ENTITLED "NAVAJO NATION NILCH'EI BEE IINA AIR IS LIFE ACT OF 2021" LED BY THE NAVAJO NATION "AIR IS LIFE" COALITION

#### Whereas:

1. The Crownpoint Chapter Certified is a local governmental unit of the Navajo Nation authorized by 2 N.T.C. Section 4001 and 4028 (a) to review and promote matters that affect the local community and to make appropriate recommendations to the Navajo Nation, Federal, State, County, and local agencies for consideration and /approval; and
2. The Crownpoint Chapter is a recognized and certified chapter authorized under Navajo Nation Code Title 261 Local Governance Act of 1998 and also authorized to address matters of local concern with Navajo Law custom and tradition; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of mountain tobacco/a form of tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes with the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dzil Nat'oh/Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

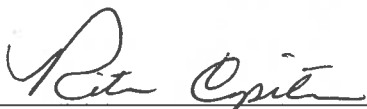
1. The Crownpoint Chapter further requests the elected Chapter Officials and Leaders of the Navajo Nation to fully support the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health of their constituents.

CERTIFICATION

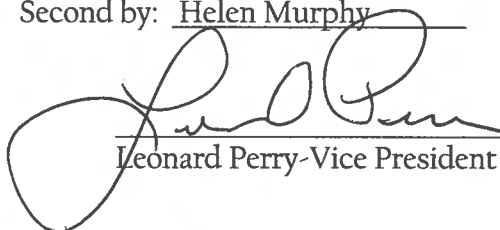
WE HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION, was duly considered by Crownpoint (Navajo Chapter) New Mexico, State of New Mexico-McKinley County at duly called Regular Chapter Meeting at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 Opposed, 03 Abstained on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

Motion by: Bess Seshchillie

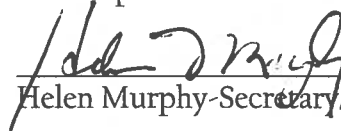
Second by: Helen Murphy



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Mark Freeland, Council Delegate





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CRY 06-2021-045

## CRYSTAL CHAPTER RESOLUTION

**Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation entitled "Navajo Nation Nilch' éi Bee Ííná Air is Life Act of 2021" led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.**

### WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 3(A), the Crystal Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation as listed under N.N.C., Part 1, Section 10; and
2. Pursuant to CAP-34-98, the Navajo Nation Council approved the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA) that allows Crystal Chapter to make decisions over local matters; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát'oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.





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### **CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Crystal Chapter at a duly called regular Chapter Meeting at Crystal Chapter, Navajo Nation, Crystal New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and that same was motioned by Louise Q. Mark and seconded by Theresa Kedelty and adopted with votes of 7 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstained on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Slim".

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**Patricia Slim, Chapter President**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL AGENCY COUNCIL  
NAVAJO NATION  
CAC 07/21-02**

**SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION ENTITLED “NAVAJO  
NATION (Níłch’ éí Bee Ííńá) AIR IS LIFE ACT OF 2021” LED BY THE NAVAJO NATION AIR IS  
LIFE COALITION.**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Central Agency Council is composed of 16 chapters.
2. The Navajo Nation Chapters are certified Chapters of the Navajo Nation pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 4001 and 11 N.N.C. Part 1 § 10 having the authority to address and explore the local needs and concerns of chapter residents through participation in community planning; and
3. The Central Agency Council was established to address the needs, concerns, and general welfare of its constituents and advocate on their behalf for successful implementation of viable agency projects; and
4. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
5. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát’oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
6. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
7. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current, or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
8. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Central Agency Council hereby supports and recommends approval of the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health within the Central Agency Council area.




**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Central Agency Council, Navajo Nation, at a duly called meeting at which time a quorum was present. A motion was made by \_\_\_Mae-Gillene Begay\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_Marcus Tulley\_\_\_ and the same was passed by a vote of \_31\_\_\_ in favor, \_0\_\_\_ opposed, and \_0\_\_\_ abstained, this 10th day of July, 2021.

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Joseph Dedman Jr., President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Al Tsedah, Vice President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch, Secretary

RESOLUTION NUMBER: DIL-2021-06-005

**RESOLUTION OF THE DILKON CHAPTER OF THE NAVAJO NATION**

**SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION ENTITLED  
“NAVAJO NATION NILCH’ ÉÍ BEE ÍÍNÁ AIR IS LIFE ACT OF 2021” LED BY THE  
NAVAJO NATION AIR IS LIFE COALITION.**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to CMY-23-79, the Dilkon Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation vested with authority and responsibilities to provide and enact on all matters affecting the community; and
2. Pursuant to CAP-34-98, the Navajo Nation Council approved the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA) that allows Dilkon Chapter to make decisions over local matters; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát’oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;**


The Dilkon Chapter further requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the Dilkon Chapter area.

### CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by Dilkon (Navajo Chapter), Arizona at a duly called Regular Chapter Meeting which a quorum was present, and that same day was passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 4 abstained on this 17th day of June, 2021.

Motion: Jonathan Manygoats  
Second: Felix Tsinijinnie

Presiding Chair:

  
Lorenzo Lee Sr., President  
Dilkon Chapter



## FOREST LAKE CHAPTER

Jimmy Yellowhair, Council Delegate  
May Gilene Begay, President  
Raphael Boy, Vice-President  
Brenda White, Secretary Treasurer  
Irene Begaye, Grazing Representative  
Ella M. Benally, Community Service Coordinator

**JONATHAN NEZ**  
PRESIDENT

**MYRON LIZER**  
VICE-PRESIDENT

### RESOLUTION OF THE FOREST LAKE CHAPTER RESOLUTION NO. 21-06-001

Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation entitled "Navajo Nation Nít'oh' éí Bee íííá Air is Life Act of 2021" led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.

#### WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to CMY-23-79, the Forest Lake Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation vested with authority and responsibilities to provide and enact on all matters affecting the community; and
2. Pursuant to CAP-34-98, the Navajo Nation Council approved the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA) that allows the Forest Lake Chapter to make decisions over local matters; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát'oh/Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U/S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Forest Lake Chapter further requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the Forest Lake Chapter area.

#### CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Forest Lake Chapter at a duly called meeting in Forest Lake, Navajo Nation, Arizona which quorum was present that same was passed by vote of 5 in favor 0 opposed and 3 abstained on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021.

Motion by: Irene Begaye

Second by: Ella Benally

May Gilene Begay, Chapter President

Brenda White, Secretary/Treasurer

Raphael Boy, Vice-President

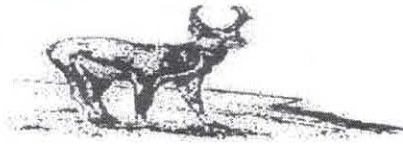
Irene Begaye, Grazing Representative

Jimmy Yellowhair, Council Delegate





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JEROME PETE, JR.  
Grazing Member

TONI MINA  
Community Service Coordinator

LUPITA CHEE  
Accounts Maintenance Specialist

MATILDA JOHNSON  
Community Health Representative

## RESOLUTION OF THE JEDDITO CHAPTER JEDD-08-15-21-02

### SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION ENTITLED "NAVAJO NATION Nilch'e'i Bee lin'a AIR IS LIFE ACT OF 2021" LED BY THE NAVAJO NATION AIR IS LIFE COALITION.

#### WHEREAS:

1. *The Jeddito Chapter is a duly certified chapter under the Navajo Nation Government pursuant to the 26 N.N.C., Section 33 and is recognized as one of the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters certified and enumerated in 11 N.N.C., Section 10; and*
2. *Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Code Section 1 (b) the Jeddito Chapter is delegated the governmental authority to make decisions over local matter with Navajo Law, Customs, and Traditions; and*
3. *Pursuant to CMY-23-79, the Jeddito Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation vested with authority and responsibilities to provide and enact on all matters affecting the community; and*
4. *Pursuant to CAP-34-98, the Navajo Nation Council approved the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA) that allows Jeddito Chapter to make decisions over local matters; and*
5. *The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings are purposes within the Navajo Nation; and*
6. *The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dzil Na't'oh/Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and*
7. *The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and*
8. *The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current, or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill form COVID-19; and*
9. *The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.*

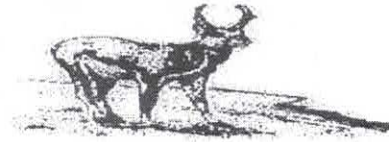
#### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. *The JEDDITO CHAPTER further requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the JEDDITO CHAPTER area.*

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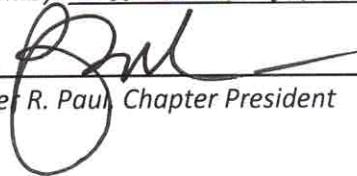
LUPITA CHEE  
Accounts Maintenance Specialist

MATILDA JOHNSON  
Community Health Representative

### CERTIFICATION

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Jeddito Chapter at Jeddito, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed with a vote of 5 in favor 0 opposed and 1 abstained this 15<sup>th</sup> day of **AUG 2021**.*

Motion by: Laverne Yazzie Second by: Leroy J. Willie

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Rodger R. Paul, Chapter President



Navajo Nation Kayenta Chapter  
Post Office Box 1088  
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Chapter Resolution



Resolution No: KY21-32-06

**Supporting and Respectfully requesting to the Navajo Nation Council to approve the proposed legislation entitled “Navajo Nation Nílch’ éí bee Ííńá—Air is Life Act of 2021” led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Kayenta Chapter House (KCH) is a certified Chapter under 26 N.N.C. §3 and is also governance certified under 26 N.N.C. §102; and
2. As a governance certified Chapter, Kayenta Chapter has full authority to exercise all delegated authorities expressed in the Local Governance Act, 26 N.N.C. §§ 1 et. seq., which includes exercising governmental authority with respect to local matters and to make favorable decisions in the best interest of the community to protect and promote the general health, safety and welfare of the Chapter’s Membership and all Navajo tribal members; and
3. Pursuant to N.N.C. Section I the Kayenta Chapter is entrusted with the Authority to review all matters affecting the community, make recommendations to the Navajo Nation, Federal, State and other local agencies for appropriate actions; and is also empowered by the Navajo Nation Council to review all matters affecting the local community and to address matters of local concern according to Navajo law, customs and tradition; and
4. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
5. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát’oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
6. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to second hand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
7. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and

8. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Kayenta Chapter HEREBY fully supports and respectfully requesting to Nation Council to approve the proposed legislation entitled "Navajo Nation Níłch' éí bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021" led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition, as outlined as Attachment A of this resolution.
2. The Kayenta Chapter HEREBY directs Kayenta, Chilchinbeto and Dennehotso Chapters' Council Delegate, Nathaniel Brown to fully support and ensure the Chapters' and NN Air is Life Coalition's requests receives a favorable approval at the next Navajo Nation Council session.
3. A favorable passage will ensure our tribal communities' health and welfare are improved when conducting personal business in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places on the Navajo Nation, and keep them free from second-hand smoking of commercial tobacco, which is deem toxic. The proposed "Navajo Nation Níłch' éí bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act of 2021" will ensure tribal members the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco and its associated smoke health-related illnesses.

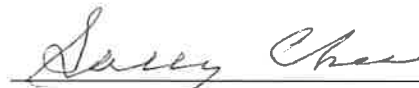
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**CERTIFICATION**  
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We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was discussed at a duly called meeting by the Kayenta Chapter at **KAYENTA**, Navajo Nation, Arizona; at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 07 in favor, 00 Opposed, and 01 abstaining, this 21st day of June, 2021.

Motion: Rosie Begay

Second: Ben Edwards

  
Dalton Singer, President

  
Sally Chee, President

  
Genevieve Benally, Secretary/Treasurer



## **RESOLUTION OF THE LECHEE CHAPTER LC07122021B**

### **Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation entitled “Navajo Nation Nítch’ éí Bee Ííńá Air is Life Act of 2021” led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.**

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to CMY-23-79, the LeChee Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation vested with authority and responsibilities to provide and enact on all matters affecting the community; and
2. Pursuant to CAP-34-98, the Navajo Nation Council approved the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA) that allows LeChee Chapter to make decisions over local matters; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát’oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

JoAnn Yazzie Pioche, Chapter President  
Cassie Scott, Chapter Vice-President  
Sharla Hunt, Chapter Secretary-Treasurer



Tyler Manson, Grazing Officer  
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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The LeChee Chapter further requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the LeChee Chapter area.

**CERTIFICATION**

WE, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was duly considered by The LeChee Chapter and the membership of the LeChee Chapter of the Navajo Nation, Arizona at a duly called Regular Chapter Meeting which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 11 In Favor, 01 Opposed, 01 Abstained on this 12th day of July, 2021.

MOTION: Renee Tsosie

SECOND: Sharla Hunt

Jo Ann Yazzie-Pioche  
JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, President

Cassie Scott  
Cassie Scott, Vice-President

Sharla Hunt

Sharla Hunt, Secretary/Treasurer  
Tyler Manson

Tyler Manson, Grazing Officer  
Paul Begay  
Paul Begay, Council Delegate



**Jonathan Nez**  
Navajo Nation President

**Myron Lizer**  
Navajo Nation Vice President

**Thomas Walker Jr.**  
Council Delegate (Birdsprings, Cameron,  
Coalmine, Leupp, and Tolani Lake Chapters)

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**Leupp Chapter**  
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**Roberta Gorman**  
Leupp Chapter President

**Angela Cody**  
Leupp Chapter Vice-President

**Calvin Johnson**  
Leupp Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

**Kenny Welch**  
Leupp Chapter Grazing Officer

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**RESOLUTION OF THE LEUPP CHAPTER**  
**Western Navajo Agency, Navajo Nation**  
**Resolution No: LP-06-042-2021**

**SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION ENTITLED “NAVAJO  
NATION NILCH’ ÉÍ BEE ÍÍÑÁ AIR IS LIFE ACT OF 2021” LED BY THE  
NAVAJO NATION AIR IS LIFE COALITION**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 3 (A) Leupp Chapter is duly recognized certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government, as listed at 11N.N.C. part 1, section 10; and
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 1 (B) Leupp Chapter is vested with the authority to review all matters affecting the community to make appropriate decisions when necessary and make recommendation to the Navajo Nation and other local agencies for appropriate actions, and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát’oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon

scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and

6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE:**

1. Leupp Chapter Hereby Supports the Proposed Legislation entitled “Navajo Nation Nílch’ éí Bee Ííiná Air is Life Act of 2021” led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition
2. Leupp Chapter further requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the Leupp Chapter area.

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

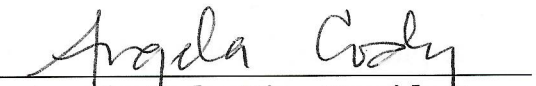
We, hereby, certify the forgoing resolution number LP-06-042-2021 was duly considered by the Leupp Chapter and a duly called Chapter Meeting at the Leupp Chapter house, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of **2** in favor, **0** opposed and **1** abstention on this **21st** day of **June, 2021**.

Motion by: **CALVIN JOHNSON**

Seconded by: **ANGIE CODY**



Roberta Gorman, President



Angela Cody, Vice-President

  
Calvin Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer



# MANY FARMS CHAPTER GOVERNMENT

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Kee Allen Begay Jr., Delegate, 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Katherine O. Arthur, President  
Aljerino Tsedah, Vice President  
Jacqueline Begaye, Secretary/Treasurer

Francine Harrison, CSC  
Lewanda A. Ben, AMS  
Roland Tso, Grazing Representative

MF-51-07-2021

## Resolution of the Many Farms Chapter

### **Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation entitled "Navajo Nation Nilch' éi Bee Ííiná Air is Life Act of 2021" led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.**

#### WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to CMY-23-79, the Many Farms Chapter is a certified chapter of the Navajo Nation vested with authority and responsibilities to provide and enact on all matters affecting the community; and
2. Pursuant to CAP-34-98, the Navajo Nation Council adopted the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA) that allows Many Farms Chapter to make decisions over local matters; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát'oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Many Farms Chapter Supports and Approves the Proposed Legislation entitled “Navajo Nation Níłch’ éí Bee Ííńá Air is Life Act of 2021” led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered by the Many Farms Chapter at a duly called special meeting in Many Farms, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

Motion: Aljerino Tsedah

Second: Julian Begay

Katherine O. Arthur  
Katherine O. Arthur, Chapter President

Aljerino Tsedah  
Aljerino Tsedah, Chapter Vice President

Jacqueline J. Begaye  
Jacqueline J. Begaye, Chapter Sec/Treasurer

Kee A. Begay, Jr.  
Kee A. Begay, Jr., Council Delegate

Roland Tso  
Roland Tso, Grazing Committee



# **NORTHERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL THE NAVAJO NATION**

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**NNAC-117-2021**

## **RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION AGENCY COUNCIL**

**Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation entitled “Navajo Nation Nílch’ éí Bee Ílíná Air is Life Act of 2021” led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.**

### **WHEREAS:**

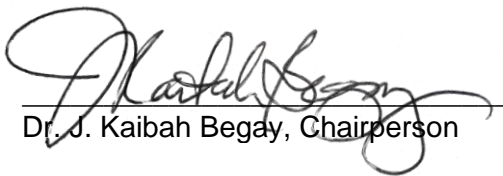
1. Pursuant to IGRD-269-05, the Northern Navajo Agency Council is a recognized political subdivision of the Navajo Nation and has the authority to advocate and make appropriate recommendations on behalf of the twenty (20) Northern Navajo Agency Chapters to the Navajo Nation Government, Federal, State, and Local entities for appropriate action; and
2. The Northern Navajo Agency Council supports the development and application of best practices of public health that can result in the improvement and overall health and well-being of all people; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát’oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. This Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to second-hand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of second-hand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current, or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT**

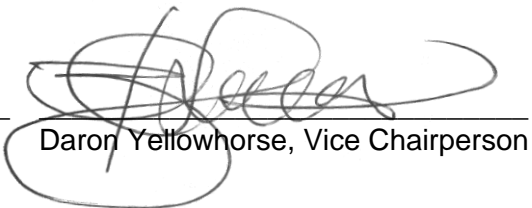
1. The Northern Navajo Agency Council requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the Northern Navajo Agency.

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Northern Navajo Agency Council at a duly called meeting via teleconference at which a quorum was present. A motion was made by Laura J. Benally and seconded by Norman C. Begaye and the same was passed by a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.



Dr. J. Kaibah Begay, Chairperson



Daron Yellowhorse, Vice Chairperson



Matthew D. Tso, Secretary





## PIÑON CHAPTER

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### RESOLUTION OF PINON CHAPTER

**Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation entitled "Navajo Nation Niltch' éi Bee líná Air is Life Act of 2021" led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to CMY-23-79, the Pinon Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation vested with authority and responsibilities to provide and enact on all matters affecting the community; and
2. Pursuant to CAP-34-98, the Navajo Nation Council approved the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA) that allows Pinon Chapter to make decisions over local matters; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát'oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Pinon Chapter further requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the Pinon Chapter area.

### **CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Pinon Chapter at a duly called meeting at which quorum was present, at Pinon, Navajo Nation, ARIZONA, and same was passed by a vote of 05 in favor, 00 opposed, 00 abstained this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

Bessie S. Allen  
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Bill Yezzie  
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Ramona Nalwood  
SECRETARY/TREASURER

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**Wilson Stewart, Jr.**  
COUNCIL DELEGATE



**Kathleen Shurley**  
CHAPTER COORDINATOR

**Florina Howard**  
GRAZING COMMITTEE  
MEMBER

## **RED LAKE CHAPTER**

**RLC-08-21-33**

### **RESOLUTION OF RED LAKE CHAPTER #18**

#### **Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation Entitled "Navajo Nation Nit'ch' éí Bee ííńá Air is Life Act of 2021" Led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.**

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to CMY-23-79, the Red Lake Chapter #18 is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation vested with authority and responsibilities to provide and enact on all matters affecting the community; and
2. Pursuant to CAP-34-98, the Navajo Nation Council approved the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA) that allows Red Lake Chapter #18 to make decisions over local matters; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát'oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Red Lake Chapter further requests the elected chapter officials to fully support the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the Red Lake Chapter area.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Red Lake Chapter #18 at a duly called meeting in (Navajo Nation), New Mexico at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 01 abstained on this **18<sup>TH</sup>** day of **August , 2021**.



Arval McCabe

Chapter President

Motion by: **Dondi Begay**

Seconded by: **Bruce Zah**



# RESOLUTION OF THE SHIPROCK CHAPTER

## Shiprock, Navajo Nation



### Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation entitled "Navajo Nation Níłch' éí Bee Ííńá Air is Life Act of 2021" led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.

#### WHEREAS:

1. The Shiprock Chapter of the Navajo Nation acts on this resolution pursuant to the authority conferred on the Chapter through Navajo Nation Code Title 26, Chapter 1, Section 1, B. Purpose which states "Through adoption of this Act, the Navajo Nation Council delegates to Chapters governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo law, including custom and tradition" and the inclusivity provided by the Diné Fundamental Law, in that "it is entirely appropriate for the government itself to openly observe these fundamental laws", and
2. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát'oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
4. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
6. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shiprock Chapter's Elected Officials further requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the Shiprock Chapter area.

Motioned by: Debra A. Yazzie

Seconded by: Sarah Denetclaw-Begay

#### CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented and considered at a duly called Chapter meeting VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE (ZOOM) as per temporary guidance for all chapters issued by NNDOJ MEMO dated May 26, 2020 (due to COVID19 Pandemic) a quorum was present and that the same was approved by a vote of 03 in favor, -0- opposed and 02 abstentions on this 10th day of June, 2021.

Nevina D. Kinlahcheeny  
Nevina D. Kinlahcheeny, President

Debra A. Yazzie  
Debra A. Yazzie, Vice President

Dr. J. Kaibah Begay  
Dr. J. Kaibah Begay, Secretary/Treasurer

CHAPTER OFFICIALS  
Nevina D. Kinlahcheeny – President  
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Sarah Denetclaw-Begay  
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Grazing Representative  
**BRITTANY HUNT**  
Council Delegate  
**HERMAN DANIELS**



East Representative  
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**STANLEY YAZZIE**  
West Representative  
**VACANT**  
North Representative  
**CHERYL COLE**

Governance Manager  
**ELIZABETH WHITETHORNE-  
BENALLY**

**SHO 08-97-21**

**Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation entitled “Navajo Nation Nilch’ éi Bee  
Ííná Air is Life Act of 2021” led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to TCDCS-98-99, The Transportation and Community Development Committee approved the Governance Certification of the Five Management System Policies and Procedures, pursuant to the Local Governance Act, Title 26, N.N.C Section 102 (B); and
2. The Shonto Community Governance (Chapter) is a governance-certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government with vested authority to establish local ordinances, approve plans, and take positions on matter of concern that are in the best interest of the Shonto community and the Navajo Nation; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát’oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current, or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The Navajo Nation Air Is Life Coalition further requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of the proposed Legislation for the Health in the Shonto Community Governance (Chapter) area.



2. The Shonto Community Governance hereby Supports and Approves the Proposed Legislation entitled "Navajo Nation Níłch' éí Bee Íííá Air is Life Act of 2021" led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.


### CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Shonto Community Governance at a duly called Council of Nat'aa Regular Meeting via Zoom in Shonto, Arizona at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 05 in favor 0 opposed, and 0 abstained, this 07th day of **August 2021**.

Motion: Mr. Stanley Yazzie

Second: Ms. Marsha Greyeyes

### CONCURRENCE:

  
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Roland Smallcanyon, Chapter President  
Shonto Community Governance



THE  
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**TEESTO CHAPTER**

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"Saddle Butte Mountain"

**RESOLUTION OF THE TEESTO CHAPTER**

**Fort Defiance Agency, The Navajo Nation**

**RESOLUTION NO: TEE-JUN-34-2021**

**Supporting the "Navajo Nation Nit'ch' éi Bee Iiná Air is Life Act of 2021" led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to CMY-23-79, the Teesto Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation vested with authority and responsibilities to provide and enact on all matters affecting the community; and
2. Pursuant to CAP-34-98, the Navajo Nation Council approved the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA) that allows Teesto Chapter to make decisions over local matters; and
3. Teesto chapter has supported in prior years the prohibition of the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. Teesto chapter supports and continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát'oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. Teesto chapter agrees there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
6. Teesto chapter concurs that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. Teesto chapter endorses the commitment to improve the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promote a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Teesto chapter hereby supports and recommends approval of the legislation "Navajo Nation Nit'ch' éi Bee Iina Air is Life Act of 2021" as sponsored by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.

*Elmer Clark, President - LeRoy Thomas, Vice President - Sophia Francis, Secretary/Treasurer - Morgan Yazzie, Grazing Official- Elmer P. Begay., Council Delegate (Teesto/Dilkon/Indian Wells/Greasewood/Whitecone)*

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called chapter meeting at Teesto, Navajo Nation, Arizona at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 08 In Favor; 00 opposed and 02 abstained on this 21st Day of June, 2021.

Motion by: Thomas Begay

Seconded by: Jack Chatter, Sr.



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Elmer Clark, President





President of the Navajo Nation  
Jonathan Nez

THE NAVAJO NATION  
**THOREAU CHAPTER**

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Vice President of the Navajo Nation  
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Vivinita Bennett . COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR   ■   Olivia Anderson . ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST   ■   Kevin Long . LANDBOARD   ■   Edmund Yazzie . COUNCIL DELEGATE

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**THOREAU CHAPTER  
RESOLUTION TCH-074-20-075**

**Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation entitled “Navajo Nation Níłch’ éí Bee Ííńá Air is Life Act of 2021” led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.**

**WHERE AS:**

- 1) Thoreau Chapter is a certified Navajo Nation Chapter Government pursuant to the Navajo Nation Resolution CJ- 20-55, it is a delegated governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Nation Law including customs, traditions and fiscal matters, and
- 2) Pursuant to 2 N.N.C 4028, the community members of Thoreau Chapter in a duly called meeting shall have the authority to make appropriate recommendations to the Navajo Nation; and
- 3) Thoreau Chapter is empowered by the Navajo Nation Council to review all matters affecting the community and to make favorable decisions in the best interest of the community membership; and
- 4) Thoreau Chapter membership is desirous of enhancing the living standards and providing healthy environment for residents living in the community of Thoreau Chapter, Navajo Nation, McKinley County, New Mexico; and
- 5) The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
- 6) The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát’oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
- 7) The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
- 8) The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and

- 9) The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

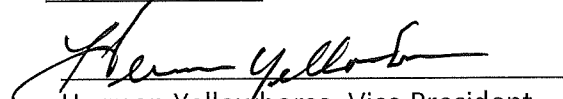
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

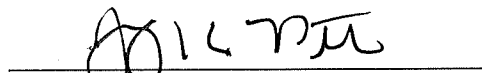
1. Thoreau Chapter membership hereby supports and approves the Proposed Legislation entitled "Navajo Nation Nítch' éí Bee líná Air is Life Act of 2021" led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.
2. Thoreau Chapter Administration and Officials are hereby authorized to execute any and all actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this foregoing resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was duly considered by and moved for adoption by Charley Long seconded by Will Arviso and thoroughly discussed and adopted by a vote of 16 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstained at a duly called meeting at Thoreau Chapter on August 11, 2021.

  
Valerie Arviso, President

  
Herman Yellowhorse, Vice President

  
Judy K. Platero, Secretary/Treasurer



Resolution of the

**TOLANI LAKE CHAPTER  
WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY**

**Resolution: TL-06-1G-2021**

**Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation entitled “Navajo Nation Nilch’ éí Bee Ííiná Air is Life Act of 2021” led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to 26 NNC, Section 3(A), the Tolani Lake Chapter is a duly recognized chapter of the Navajo Nation Government, as listed at 11 NNC, Part 1, Section 10; and
2. Pursuant to 26 NNC, Section 1(B), the Tolani Lake Chapter is vested with the authority to review all matters affecting the community to make recommendations to the Navajo Nation and other local agencies for appropriations; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát’oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Tolani Lake Chapter hereby supporting and approving the Proposed Legislation entitled “Navajo Nation Nilch’ éí Bee Ííiná Air is Life Act of 2021” led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.
2. The Tolani Lake Chapter hereby requests to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health and well-being of our Dine’ people.

**Leland K. Dayzie**  
President

**Anna M. Begay**  
Vice-President

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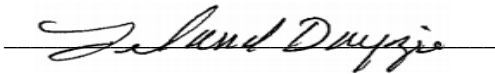
## CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the preceding Resolution was considered in a regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting of the Tolani Lake Chapter and moved for approval in a duly called meeting at the Tolani Lake Chapter, Navajo Nation, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of \_\_3\_\_, in favor, \_\_0\_\_ opposed, and \_\_1\_\_ abstained on this the \_\_10th\_\_ day of June, 2021.

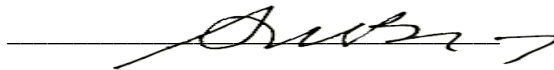
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SECONDED BY: \_\_Anna M. Begay\_\_\_\_

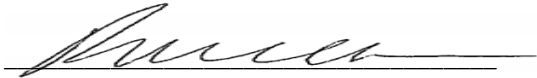
MINUTES BY: Rena Edwards – Chapter Secretary/Treasurer



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# TÓLIKAN CHAPTER

P.O. Box Teec Nos Pos, Arizona 86514



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## NAVAJO NATION TÓLIKAN CHAPTER

RESOLUTION NO. TC-C-064

### SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION ENTITLED "NAVAJO NATION Níłch' éí bee líńá AIR IS LIFE ACT OF 2021" LED BY THE NAVAJO NATION AIR IS LIFE COALITION.

#### WHEREAS:


1. Pursuant to CMY-23-79, the Tólikan Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation vested with authority and responsibilities to provide and enact on all matter affecting the community; and
2. Pursuant to CAP-34-98, the Navajo Nation Council approved the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA) that allows Tólikan Chapter to make decisions over local matters; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces, and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát'oh/Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon general in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

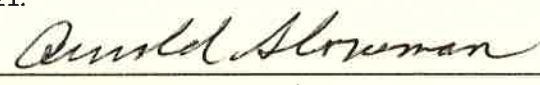
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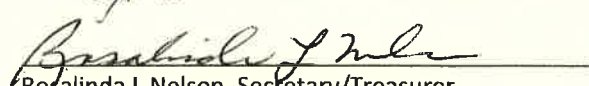
The Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition further requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the Tólikan Chapter area.

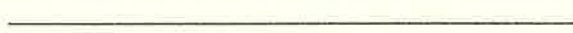
#### CERTIFICATION

WE, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was duly considered by Tólikan (Navajo Chapter), Arizona at a duly called regular Chapter Meeting which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 12 in Favor, 00 Opposed, 01 Abstained on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

  
Sarah Lee, President

  
Arnold Slowman, Vice President

  
Rosalinda L. Nelson, Secretary/Treasurer

  
Charlaine Tso, Council Delegate





# TO'NANEES'DIZI LOCAL GOVERNMENT

"An Enterprise of the Navajo Nation"

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Angie Williams, Council Member  
Daniel Williams, Grazing Committee Member  
Durann Begay, Executive Manager  
Otto Tso, Council Delegate

Aniidi Legislation #TND-07-03-2021

## ANIIDI LEGISLATION OF TONANEESDIZI LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation entitled "Navajo Nation Niltch' éí Bee Ííiná Air is Life Act of 2021" led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.**

### WHEREAS:

1. The To'Nanees'Dizi Council of Naat'aanii pursuant to Resolution No. TCDC# TCDC-18-04, is a certified and recognized Chapter by the Navajo Nation Council, vested with the authority and responsibility to provide and address local planning within its community, and
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 1 (B) is vested with the authority to review all matters affecting the community and to make appropriate correction when necessary and make recommendation to the Navajo Nation and other local agencies for appropriate actions, and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát'oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The To'Nanees'Dizi Local Government further requests the elected Chapter Officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the To'Nanees'Dizi Local Government area.

### \*\*\*\*\* CERTIFICATION \*\*\*\*\*

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the To'Nanees'Dizi Local Government, at a duly called meeting at the To'Nanees'Dizi Local Government of Tuba City (Navajo Nation), Arizona; at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained on this 7th day of July 2021.

Motioned By: Myra Begay

Seconded By: Steven Arizana

Gerald Keetso  
Gerald Keetso, Chapter President

Steven Arizana  
Steven Arizana, Council Member

Myra Begay  
Myra Begay, Vice President

Angelita Williams  
Angelita Williams, Council Member

Vacant  
Vacant, Secretary/Treasurer



# Torreon/Star Lake Chapter

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## NAVAJO NATION RESOLUTION OF TORREON/STAR LAKE CHAPTER TSL #06/2021 - 52

### **Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation entitled "Navajo Nation Nilch' éi Bee Íiná Air is Life Act of 2021" led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.**

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to CMY-23-79, the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation vested with authority and responsibilities to provide and enact on all matters affecting the community; and
2. Pursuant to CAP-34-98, the Navajo Nation Council approved the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA) that allows Torreon/Star Lake Chapter to make decisions over local matters; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
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6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Torreon/Star Lake Chapter further requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter area.

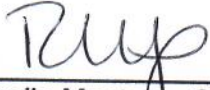


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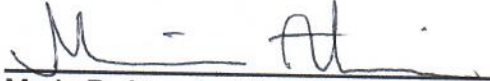
WE, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was duly considered by the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter, New Mexico at a duly called Regular Chapter Meeting which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 10 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

MOTION: Wallace Toledo

SECOND: Sherry Begaye



Richelle Montoya, Chapter President



Mario P. Atencio, Vice President



Sherry Begaye, Secretary/Treasurer



Alex Sandoval, Land Board

Daniel E. Tso, Council Delegate

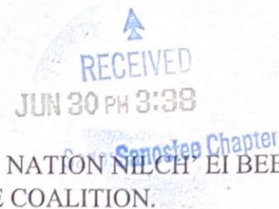


## TSÉ AŁNÁOZTI'Í CHAPTER GOVERNMENT

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### RESOLUTION OF TSÉ' AŁNAOZTI'Í CHAPTER RESOLUTION NO. TAT-21-06-55



SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION ENTITLED “NAVAJO NATION NĪLCH' EI BEE IINA AIR IS LIFE ACT OF 2021” LED BY THE NAVAJO NATION AIR IS LIFE COALITION.

#### WHEREAS;

1. Pursuant to 26 NNC, Section 1 (B), the Navajo Nation Council delegated the authority to Tsé Ałnaozti'í Chapter to review and process all local matters affecting the community and its constituents, assuring that quality services are provided and Section 101 (A) (B), Tsé Ałnaozti'í Chapter shall operate under Five Management System (FMS) consist with applicable Navajo Nation Laws; and
2. Pursuant to 26 NNC, Section 103 (A), Tsé Ałnaozti'í Chapter membership are authorized to oversee the authority delegated to the chapter and Section 1004 (A), Tsé Ałnaozti'í Chapter shall enact by resolutions plans of operations for all executive functions and administrative policies of the chapter; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát'oh/Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
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7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

#### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

The Tsé Ałnaozti'í Chapter further requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the Tsé Ałnaozti'í Chapter area.

#### Chapter Officials

Jeanne Haskie, President  
Gerald Henderson, Vice- President  
Jourdan Washburn, Secretary/ Treasurer

#### Council Delegate

Amber K. Crotty  
Grazing Official  
Alonzo Cohoe

#### Chapter Admin

VACANT, CSC  
Shelia Mitchell, AMS





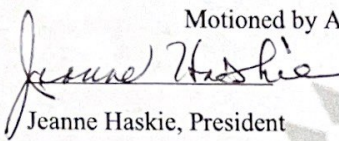
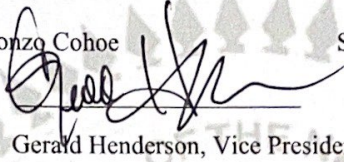
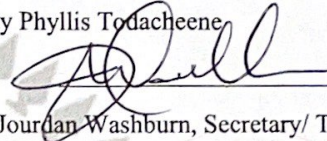
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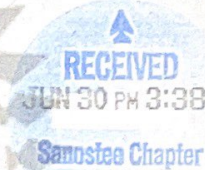
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### CERTIFICATION

We, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented and thoroughly discussed by the constituents, at a duly called Chapter Meeting VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE (ZOOM) as per temporary guidance for all chapters issued by NNDOJ MEMO dated May 26, 2020 (due to COVID-19 Pandemic), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained, on this 17th day of June 2021.

Motioned by Alonzo Cohoe      Seconded by Phyllis Todacheene  
              
Jeanne Haskie, President      Gerald Henderson, Vice President      Jourdan Washburn, Secretary/ Treasurer



**Chapter Officials**  
Jeanne Haskie, President  
Gerald Henderson, Vice- President  
Jourdan Washburn, Secretary/ Treasurer

**Council Delegate**  
Amber K. Crotty  
**Grazing Official**  
Alonzo Cohoe

**Chapter Admin**  
VACANT, CSC  
Shelia Mitchell, AMS



## Tse'chi'zhi' Chapter

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Resolution RRCH 2021-0815

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### RESOLUTION OF THE TSE'CHI'ZHI' (ROUGH ROCK ) CHAPTER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation entitled "Navajo Nation Nitch' éí Bee Ííńá Air is Life Act of 2021" led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.

#### WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to CMY-23-79, the Rough Rock Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation vested with authority and responsibilities to provide and enact on all matters affecting the community; and
2. Pursuant to CAP-34-98, the Navajo Nation Council approved the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA) that allows Rough Rock Chapter to make decisions over local matters; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
4. The Navajo Nation hereby continues to recognize the fundamental use of Dził Nát'oh/ Natural Mountain Smoke for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes; and
5. The Navajo Nation finds there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as reported by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2006. There is no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of secondhand commercial tobacco smoke health-related illnesses; and
6. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Rough Rock Chapter further requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the Rough Rock Chapter area.

**CERTIFICATION:** WE, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was considered at a duly called Chapter meeting via teleconference at Rough Rock, Arizona at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 3 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained on this 15 day of August, 2021.

MOTION: Sylvia Hadley

SECOND: Jay R. Nez

Betty D. Daulton  
Chapter President

Jay R. Nez  
Vice President

[Signature]  
Treasurer

[Signature]  
Council Delegate





# WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

GEROLD KEET'SO  
President

ROLAND SMALLCANYON  
Vice-President

CANDIS YAZZIE  
Secretary



## WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL Resolution No.WNA C21-06-NB6

Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation entitled "Navajo Nation Níłch' éí Bee Ííńá  
Air is Life Act of 2021" led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.

### WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to IGRD-269-05, the Western Agency Council is a recognized political subdivision of the Navajo Nation, and has the authority to advocate and make appropriate recommendations on behalf of the 18 Western Navajo Agency Chapters to the Navajo Nation Government, Federal, State and local entities for appropriate action; and
2. The Western Agency Council supports the development and application of best practices of public health that can result in the improvement and overall health and well-being of all people; and,
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
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6. The Navajo Nation finds that smoking is linked to an increased risk of developing symptomatic COVID-19. Additionally, current, or former smokers are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19; and
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## WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

GEROLD KEETSO  
President

ROLAND SMALLCANYON  
Vice-President

CANDIS YAZZIE  
Secretary



### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:


The Western Navajo Agency further requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the Western Navajo Agency area.

### CERTIFICATION

WE, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was duly considered by Western Navajo Agency Council at a duly called regular Agency Meeting which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 29 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 abstained on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

MOTION BY: Genevieve Penally

SECOND BY: Dorothy Lee

  
Gerald Keetso, President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Roland Smallcanyon, Vice President

  
Candis Yazzie, Secretary



NAVAJO NATION WIDE RUINS CHAPTER

RESOLUTION NO. WDR 06-29-21

**Supporting and Approving the Proposed Legislation entitled "Navajo Nation Níłch' éí Bee ííńá Air is Life Act of 2021" led by the Navajo Nation Air is Life Coalition.**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to CMY-23-79, the Wide Ruins Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation vested with authority and responsibilities to provide and enact on all matters affecting the community; and
2. Pursuant to CAP-34-98, the Navajo Nation Council approved the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA) that allows Wide Ruins Chapter to make decisions over local matters; and
3. The purpose of the legislation is to prohibit the use of all commercial tobacco products (e.g., conventional cigarettes and pipes, cigars, hookah, electronic-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco), in all enclosed, indoor workplaces and public places and within a distance of 25 feet from any indoor area where commercial tobacco products are prohibited within the Navajo Nation. This Act does not prohibit the use of commercial tobacco for ceremonial use and/or cultural settings and purposes within the Navajo Nation; and
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7. The Navajo Nation is committed to improving the health and welfare of the people living on the Navajo Nation, to promoting a healthy environment, and has an obligation to enact policies that protect people from harm.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Wide Ruins Chapter further requests the elected chapter officials to support fully the intent and purpose of this resolution for the Health in the Wide Ruins Chapter area.

**CERTIFICATION**

WE, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was duly considered by Wide Ruins (Navajo Chapter), Arizona at a duly called Regular Chapter Meeting which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 3 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained on this 9th day of June, 2021.

MOTION: Annie Tolly

SECOND: Nellie Gilmore



# Legislation #0174-21

Johnson\*L. <lejohnson24@yahoo.com>

Mon 8/30/2021 2:12 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Ya'at'eeh,

I wanted to make a comment to legislation #0174-21 in the area of banning commercial tobacco in ceremonial settings. If they ban the commercial tobacco there, what is their solution to replace the tobacco. Our traditional tobaccos have been very scarce since there has been no consistent moisture on Navajo Nation.

If the council is going to make this a legislation as is, then they need to let the people know where and how they will replenish the tobacco used, mainly in Navajo American Church ceremonies.

Currently, our traditional tobacco is hard to find. Our people are selling them for over \$150 a gallon bag because of the demand and less tobacco growing on our land.

Please take these concerns into consideration before acting on this legislation piece.

Thank you,

LeAnn Jim

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