

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23<sup>RD</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- THIRD YEAR, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING CD-67-06, ESTABLISHING AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH YEAR AS THE NAVAJO NATION CODE TALKERS DAY AND AS A NAVAJO NATION HOLIDAY, TO AN OBSERVED HOLIDAY OF THE NAVAJO NATION

BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Health, Education and Human Services ("HEHS") Committee as a standing committee with the purpose to oversee the Division of Human Resources. See 2 N.N.C. §§400 (A), 401 (C) (1) and 164 (A) (9).
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee possess power to establish Navajo Nation policy, promulgate rules and regulations governing the Navajo Nation's human services. See 2 N.N.C. §401 (B) (1).
- C. Proposed resolutions requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. See 2 N.N.C. §164 (A) (9).
- D. The Navajo Nation Council is the Navajo Nation's governing body. See 2 N.N.C. §102 (A).

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- A. A holiday is any day designated as a holiday by federal statute, Executive Order of the President of the United States, or action of the Navajo Nation Council, the President of the Navajo Nation, or the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council. Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual, section IX, Employee Benefits, para. B, and Paid Holidays.
- B. On July 28, 1982, The United States President Ronald Regan issued a Presidential Proclamation to honor the Navajo Code Talkers by declaring August 14, 1982 as the "National Navaho Code Talkers Day." Attached as **Exhibit A**.

- C. Resolution CD-67-06, established a holiday to recognize the Navajo Nation Code Talkers on August 14<sup>th</sup> of each year. The established holiday is a paid holiday of the Navajo Nation. Attached as **Exhibit B**.
- D. The amended change is to change the "Navajo Nation Code Talkers Day" to an observed holiday rather than a paid holiday of the Navajo Nation.

### **SECTION THREE. AMENDMENT TO CD-67-06**

The Navajo Nation hereby amends CD-67-06 as follows:

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#### **Section 1. Findings**

h. It is in the best interest of the Navajo people, the citizens of the United States, and United States of America that August 14<sup>th</sup> of each year be declared an observed holiday of the Navajo Nation's "Navajo Code Talkers Day."

#### **Section 2. Declaration of August 14<sup>th</sup> as "Navajo Nation Code Talkers Day"**

The Navajo Nation hereby declares August 14<sup>th</sup> of each year as "Navajo Nation Code Talkers Day" and as a Navajo Nation Observed Holiday ~~to be incorporated into the Navajo Nation Personnel Manual~~, which is dedicated to the Navajo Nation Code Talkers who gave of their special talents and lives for the good of their country and people.

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### **SECTION FOUR. PERSONNEL POLICIES MANUAL**

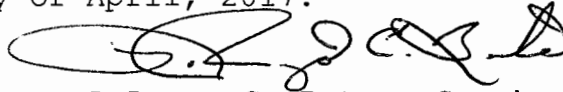
This amendment shall be removed from the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual, section IX, Employee Benefits, para. B, and Paid Holidays. The Human Resources Department shall incorporate such provision in the next published Personnel Policies Manual.

### **SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This declaration shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 221(C).

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 10 in favor and 05 opposed, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.



LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker  
Navajo Nation Council

4-26-17

Date

Motion: Honorable Jonathan Perry  
Second: Honorable Dwight Witherspoon

# NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 769

NNC Spring Session

4/20/2017

09:35:17 PM

Amd# to Amd#

Legislation No. 0111-17

PASSED

MOT Perry

Amending CD-67-06, Establishing

SEC Witherspoon

August 14th of Each Year the  
NN Code Talkers Day as a NN

**Yea : 10**

**Nay : 5**

**Not Voting : 8**

**Yea : 10**

Begay, NM  
Begay, S  
Chee

Crotty  
Damon  
Perry

Phelps  
Slim

Tsosie  
Witherspoon

**Nay : 5**

BeGaye, N  
Daniels

Jack

Smith

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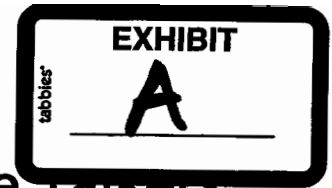
**Not Voting : 8**

Bates  
Begay, K  
Bennett

Brown  
Filfred

Hale  
Pete

Shepherd  
Yazzie



# Proclamation 4954 -- National Navaho Code Talkers Day

## July 28, 1982

By the President of the United States

of America

A Proclamation

Since the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington praised the Indians under his command, the United States has been privileged to have members of the Indian Nation serve in its armed forces.

From the bravery demonstrated at Valley Forge and the establishment of the U.S. Indian Scouts on August 1, 1866, to the present day, Native Americans have heeded the call to duty. Though often excluded from the annals of United States history, these people, nonetheless, have defended the only land they have ever known, asking for nothing more than opportunity in return.

The Navaho Nation, when called upon to serve the United States, contributed a precious commodity never before used in this way. In the midst of the fighting in the Pacific during World War II, a gallant group of men from the Navaho Nation utilized their language in coded form to help speed the Allied victory.

Equipped with the only foolproof, unbreakable code in the history of warfare, the code talkers confused the enemy with an earful of sounds never before heard by code experts. The dedication and unswerving devotion to duty shown by the men of the Navaho Nation in serving as radio code talkers in the Marine Corps during World War II should serve as a fine example for all Americans.

It is fitting that at this time we also express appreciation for the other American Indians who have served our Nation in times of war. Members of the Choctaw, Chippewa, Creek, Sioux, and other tribes used their tribal languages as effective battlefield codes against the Germans in World War I and the Japanese and Germans in World War II.

Beyond this unique role, American Indians serving in the United States military forces have established an outstanding record of bravery and heroism in battle. Many have given their lives in the performance of their duty. Their record should be recognized by all Americans.

By House Joint Resolution 444, the Congress has requested me to designate August 14, 1982, as National Navaho Code Talkers Day.

Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate August 14, 1982, as National Navaho Code Talkers Day, a day dedicated to all members of the Navaho Nation and to all Native Americans who gave of their special talents and their lives so that others might live. I ask the American people to join me in this tribute, and I call upon Federal, State and local officials to commemorate this day with appropriate activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of July in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

Ronald Reagan

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 2:03 p.m., July 28, 1982]



CD-67-06

RESOLUTION OF THE  
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

20<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year 2006

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES, GOVERNMENT SERVICES, JUDICIARY,  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND FINANCE; ESTABLISHING AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH  
YEAR AS THE NAVAJO NATION NAVAJO CODE TALKERS DAY AND AS A  
NAVAJO NATION HOLIDAY

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Findings.

The Navajo Nation Council hereby finds:

- a. The Navajo Nation and the Navajo people, when called upon to assist the United States of America during World War II, sent brave men and boys to defend the Navajo people, the Navajo Nation and the United States of America.
- b. The Navajo Code Talkers developed an unbreakable code, the Navajo language, which was used to confuse the enemy and ultimately bring an end to World War II in the Pacific theater.
- c. In 1968, 23 years after the end of World War II, the United States Department of Defense finally declassified the secrecy of the Navajo Code.
- d. On July 28, 1982, United States President Ronald Reagan issued a Presidential proclamation to honor the Navajo Code Talkers by declaring August 14, 1982 as "National Navaho Code Talkers Day".

e. In 2000, Senator Jeff Bingaman introduced federal legislation entitled "Honoring the Navajo Code Talkers Act", Public Law No. 106-554. The Act was signed into law on December 22, 2000 by President George W. Bush. The Act authorized the President of the United States to award a Congressional Gold Medal, on behalf of the Congress, to each of the original twenty-nine Navajo Code Talkers, as well as a Congressional Silver Medal to each man who later qualified as a Navajo Code Talker.

f. On July 26, 2001, a Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony was held in the United States Capital Rotunda, Washington D.C., where United States President George W. Bush awarded Congressional Gold Medals to the original Navajo Code Talkers. These medals were awarded to express recognition by the United States of America and its citizens of the Navajo Code Talkers to salute these brave men, to acknowledge the great contribution they made at a time of war, and to finally give them their rightful place in history.

g. On November 24, 2001, the Navajo Nation held a Congressional Silver Medal Ceremony in the Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) where Congressional Silver Medals were awarded to the Navajo Code Talkers who came after the original Navajo Code Talkers.

h. It is in the best interest of the Navajo people, the citizens of the United States, and United States of America that August 14<sup>th</sup> of each year be declared the Navajo Nation's "Navajo Code Talker Day".

Section 2. Declaration of August 14<sup>th</sup> as "Navajo Nation Code Talkers Day."

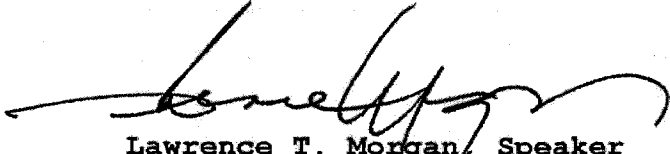
The Navajo Nation hereby declares August 14<sup>th</sup> of each year as "Navajo Nation Code Talkers Day" and as a Navajo Nation Holiday to be incorporated into the Navajo Nation Personnel Manual, which is dedicated to the Navajo Code Talkers who gave of their special talents and lives for the good of their Country and people.

Sction 3. Effective Date

The action enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §221.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 56 in favor and 0 opposed, this 22nd day of December, 2006.

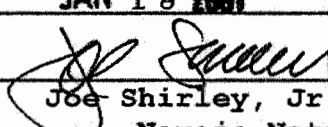
  
Lawrence T. Morgan, Speaker  
Navajo Nation Council

04 Jan 07  
Date

Motion: Willie Tracey, Jr.  
Second: Raymond Maxx

ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:

1. I hereby sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C) (10), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of JAN 15 2007 2006.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Shirley, Jr., President  
Navajo Nation

2. I hereby veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C) (11), this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2006 for the reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker.

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Joe Shirley, Jr., President  
Navajo Nation

# GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

20TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - 2006

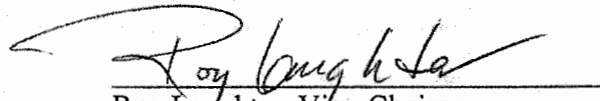
Mr. Speaker,

The Government Services Committee, to whom has been assigned,

## Legislation No. 0758-06

had it under consideration and reports the same with the recommendation that it **DO PASS**, without amendments and thence referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Roy Laughter, Vice-Chairperson

### GSC SUMMARY:

Date: October 24, 2006

Adopted: Angelita Benally  
Advisor

Not Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor

The vote was 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

Excused: Ervin Keeswood, Sr.

Absent:

# INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

20<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2006

INTRODUCED BY

Larry Anderson, Sr.

LEGISLATION NO. 0758-06

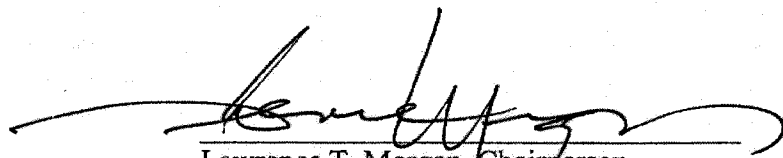
AN ACTION

**RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES, GOVERNMENT SERVICES, JUDICIARY,  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND FINANCE; ESTABLISHING AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> OF  
EACH YEAR AS THE NAVAJO NATION CODE TALKERS DAY AND AS A  
NAVAJO NATION HOLIDAY**

1. On November 6, 2006, the Intergovernmental Relations Committee conducted a regular meeting, at which time it reviewed the above referenced proposed resolution.
2. The Intergovernmental Relations **APPROVES** of the proposed resolution without any recommended amendments, and refers it to the JUDCIARY COMMITTEE.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 9 in favor and 0 opposed, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006.



Lawrence T. Morgan, Chairperson  
Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Motion: Omer Begay, Jr.  
Second: Curran Hannon

## **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT**

20<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2006

INTRODUCED BY

Larry Anderson, Sr.

**LEGISLATION NO. 0758-06**

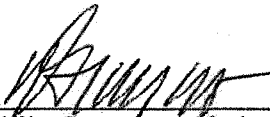
**AN ACTION**

**RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES, GOVERNMENT SERVICES, JUDICIARY,  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND FINANCE; ESTABLISHING AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> OF  
EACH YEAR AS THE NAVAJO NATION CODE TALKERS DAY AND AS A  
NAVAJO NATION HOLIDAY**

1. On November 9, 2006, the Judiciary Committee conducted a special meeting, at which time it reviewed the above referenced proposed resolution.
2. The Judiciary Committee **APPROVES** of the proposed resolution without any recommended amendments, and refers it to the HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Judiciary Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006.

  
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Willie Grayeyes, Chairperson  
Judiciary Committee

Motion: Leroy L. Thomas  
Second: Ernest D. Yazzie, Jr.



**20<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – FOURTH YEAR 2006**

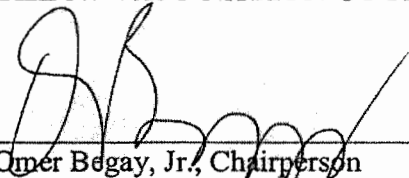
Mr. Speaker:

The **HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL** to whom has been assigned:

**LEGISLATION NO. 0758-06**

Has had it under consideration and report the same with the recommendation that it **DO PASS** with no amendments.

And therefore referred to the same to the **ETHICS AND RULES COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**.

  
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Omer Begay, Jr., Chairperson  
Human Services Committee

Dated: November 13, 2006

Voted: 6 in Favor and 0 Opposed

Excused: NONE

Absent: Tom M. White, Jr.

20<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Fourth Year 2006

Mr. Speaker,

The **ETHICS AND RULES COMMITTEE**, to whom has been assigned

**LEGISLATION No. 0758-06**

Has had it under consideration and reports the same with the recommendation that it ***DOES PASS***, without amendments and therefore referred to the **NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**.

Respectfully submitted,



LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairman  
Ethics and Rules Committee

Adopted: Virgil Brown, Jr.  
(Advisor)

Not Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Advisor)

Date: November 17, 2006

The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

Excused: Council Delegates Duane S. Tsinigine and Roscoe D. Smith

Absent:

# OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

## TRACKING FORM

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### SUBMITTAL OF DOCUMENT TO THE SPEAKER'S OFFICE

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PSC  
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TCDC

Speaker's Signature: [Signature] Date Signed: 10/10

### FINAL RECEIPT BY REPORTING SECTION

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Final Resolution No. CD-67-06 Approval Date 1-22-06

11/8 - Summary - OK  
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