LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0024-22

DATE: January 23, 2022

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; AND AMENDING 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will amend the selection process of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director. (NOTE: amendments at 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031(B) and 1034(E)(1) pertains to selection process of the NNVA Executive Director and shall take effect with the new appointment of a NNVA Executive Director after the six-year term of the current Executive Director's contract has expired or the current Executive Director is otherwise no longer contracted as Executive Director, whichever event transpires first). This legislation further amends the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council to become the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners with additional authority. This legislation also clarifies the responsibility and authority for the Executive Director to the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners. Lastly, this legislation provides amendments to the structure and terms limits for the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners.

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

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PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2022

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor) Kee Allen Begay JR

TRACKING NO. 0021-22

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; AND AMENDING 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITIES

A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and has the power to review and recommend resolutions relating to veterans and veteran services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401(B)(6).

B. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and has the power to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to and enactments in the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600(A), 601(B) (14)

C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and has the power to review proposed legislation which requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A), 164(A)(9).

D. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).

E. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1036, amendments made to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Navajo Nation Council upon the recommendation from the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The purpose of this legislation is to change the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council to become the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners with the following authority:

1. To recommend appointment of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director to the Navajo Nation Council for confirmation after the President of the Navajo Nation selects an Executive Director as a nominee. To recommend termination of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and the Navajo Nation Council with notice given to the Navajo Nation President.
2. To recommend to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee to approve the rules, policies and procedures for the Board of Commissioners and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration in accordance with the laws of the Navajo Nation.
3. To recommend to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and the Navajo Nation Council for any modification to legislation, or address any concerns relating to veterans and veterans affairs with notice provided to the Navajo Nation President.
4. To review and make recommendations for funding and budget matters of the Board of Commissioners and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration.

B. Navajo Nation statutory law currently states that the "President of the Navajo Nation, after consultation with Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council, shall retain by contract for a term of six (6) years an Executive Director who shall head the Veterans Administration." 2 N.N.C. § 1031 (A). This legislation amends 2 N.N.C. § 1031(A) to

allow the President of the Navajo Nation to recommend a qualified Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director to the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners who will then recommend the appointment of an Executive Director to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and Navajo Nation Council for confirmation.

C. Navajo Nation Council Resolution No. CJA-3-16 established the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council. Within the stated purposes for passing Resolution No. CJA-3-16, the Navajo Nation recognized continued respect and honor for our Navajo veterans through the historic time from Naayéé'neizghání and Tóbájíshchíní, to the Navajo Code Talkers using our language in World War II, and current veterans who recently served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Along with respect and high honor, Navajo veterans are in a unique situation and serve understanding our language and culture and share unique experiences. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director shall be an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation.

D. The Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners is the appropriate governmental entity to recommend an Executive Director for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration since, as veterans themselves, the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners fully understand the needs and advocates on behalf of all Navajo Nation veterans, qualified surviving spouses, and Gold Star family members with quality, transparent and consistent service. See Resolution No. HEHSCJY-04-16.

E. This legislation also amends the selection process for the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners with Commissioners to be confirmed by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. On the other hand, the ex-officio shall be selected either from the Blue Star or Gold Star family and be confirmed by the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners.

F. This legislation further amends the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners to hold bi-monthly meetings which will allow the veterans to meet frequently and address matters promptly.

G. This legislation also incorporates a two-year term limit for a Veteran Board of Commissioner and the ex-officio to serve on the Commission. Selection to the Veteran Board of Commissioners is also amended to allow other veterans from their respective Agency Veteran Organization to serve as a Veteran Board of Commissioner.

H. Lastly, the duty and responsibility of the Executive Director to the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioner is amended and clarified at 2 N.N.C. § 1032(A)(7).

G. It is in the best interest of Navajo Nation veterans to amend 2 N.N.C. § 1031(A) to select 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 relating to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.

SECTION THREE. AMENDMENTS TO 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, AND 1036

The Navajo Nation hereby amends the Navajo Nation Code, Title 2 as follows:

Title 2. Navajo Nation Government

Chapter 5. Executive Branch

Subchapter 1. Generally

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Article 3. Navajo Nation Veterans Administration

§ 1031. Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Establishment

A. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration is established under the Office of the President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation. ~~The President of the Navajo Nation, after consultation with the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council, shall retain by contract for a term of six (6) years an Executive Director who shall head the Veterans Administration.~~

B. Executive Director:

1. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration shall be headed by an Executive Director who shall serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council.

2. The Executive Director shall be an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces.

3. The Navajo Nation President shall recommend the Executive Director to the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners at a negotiated salary during such President's administration.

4. The Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners shall indicate through resolution its support to the Navajo Nation President's nominee and forward the nominee to the Health Education and Human Services Committee and the Navajo Nation Council for confirmation. If the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners does not support the nominee, then, the Navajo Nation President shall nominate another nominee.

5. The appointment shall be effective upon confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.

~~B.~~C. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration shall perform its assigned functions as identified in its approved Plan of Operation.

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§ 1032. Responsibility and Authority

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A. In carrying out its responsibilities and Administration, through the Executive Director, is authorized to:

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7. Provide administrative support, ~~and~~ technical assistance, meeting spaces, access to Navajo Nation Veteran facilities, and serve as an advisor to the Navajo Nation Veterans ~~Advisory Council~~ Board of Commissioners.

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§ 1033. Navajo Housing Program

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C. Duties and Responsibilities of the Navajo Veterans Housing Program shall include administering the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Housing Program Policies and

Procedures. The Veterans Administration Housing Program Policies and Procedures shall be approved by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, upon the recommendation of the Navajo Nation Veterans ~~Advisory Council~~ Board of Commissioners.

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Article Four. Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners ~~Advisory Council~~

§ 1034. Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners ~~Advisory Council~~ Establishment

A. The Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners ~~Advisory Council~~ is established under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government.

B. The purpose and authority of the Veterans Board of Commissioners ~~Advisory Council~~ is to ~~provide policy advice to the President of the Navajo Nation~~ recommend and advise any changes relating to funding, veterans housing, Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, policies, regulations, and other concerns relating to veterans to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council and the Navajo Nation President~~, regarding veteran issues and concerns~~.

C. Membership;~~,~~ selection;~~,~~ Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson;~~,~~ terms of office; ex-officio

1. A Navajo Nation Veterans ~~Advisory Council~~ Board of Commissioners is established consisting of ~~eleven~~ ten (10~~1~~) members and one (1) ex-officio member.

2. The ~~Advisory Council~~ Board of Commissioners shall consist of ~~the ten (10)~~ Agency Veteran Commanders or a Veteran selected by their respective Agency Veterans Organization through resolution. The Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners shall consist of ten (10) members, one (1) female and one (1) male selected by each Agency~~, as the designated voting members with the Administration Executive Director acting as a non-voting member~~. All Commissioners shall be confirmed by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee.

3. All ten (10) ~~as the~~ Commissioners shall be voting members.

4. Ex-officio member is a non-voting member and shall be selected either from the Blue Star Family or Gold Star Family. The ex-officio member shall be selected

and/or removed by the Board of Commissioners through resolution with a majority vote of a full-quorum.

~~3.~~ 5. The ~~Advisory Council~~ Board of Commissioners shall select from its voting members a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson.

6. Commissioners and the ex-officio member shall serve a two-year term. Commissioners and the ex-officio member shall serve until their successors are appointed.

~~4. Designated members shall be Veterans selected and/or removed by the respective Chapter Veteran Organizations.~~

~~5.~~ 7. The ~~Council~~ Commissioners and the ex-officio member shall meet on a ~~quarterly~~ bi-monthly basis and as necessary. Commissioners and the ex-officio shall receive a meeting stipend, ~~and~~ travel expense reimbursement pursuant to Navajo Nation laws, policies and procedures and budget.

8. The Board of Commissioners shall have a recurring budget for meeting stipends, travel expense reimbursement, and administrative support for all meetings.

D. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director shall provide administrative support, technical assistance, meeting spaces, access to Navajo Nation Veteran facilities, and serve as an advisor to the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners.

E. Authority of the Board of Commissioners

1. To recommend appointment of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and the Navajo Nation Council for confirmation after the Navajo Nation President nominates an Executive Director. To recommend termination of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and the Navajo Nation Council with notice given to the Navajo Nation President.

2. To recommend to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee to approve the rules, policies, and procedures for the Board of Commissioners and the

Navajo Nation Veterans Administration in accordance with the laws of the Navajo Nation.

3. To recommend to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and the Navajo Nation Council for any modification to legislation, or address any concerns relating to veterans and veterans services with notice provided to the Navajo Nation President.

4. To review and make recommendations for funding and budget matters of the Board of Commissioners and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration.

§ 1035. Oversight

The Navajo Nation authorizes the establishment of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, the Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program, and the Navajo Nation Veterans ~~Advisory Council~~ Board of Commissioners. Legislative oversight shall be provided by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, which will have final approval of the respective plans of operation.

§ 1036. Amendments

These~~is~~ Articles may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Navajo Nation Council upon recommendation from the Navajo Nation Veterans Boards of Commissioners ~~Advisory Council~~.

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SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVE TO AMEND PLANS OF OPERATION

Divisions, departments, programs, and organizations of which these amendments affect, shall within 45 days of approval of this legislation shall amend their respective Plans of Operation to ensure conformity with these amendments.

SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE

A. This legislation shall become effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).

B. Amendments enacted herein at 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031(B) and 1034(E)(1) pertaining to the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director shall take effect with the appointment of a new Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director after the six-year term of the current Executive Director's contract has expired or the current Executive Director is otherwise no longer contracted as Executive Director, whichever event transpires first.

SECTION SIX. CODIFICATION

The provisions of this legislation which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

SECTION SEVEN. SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any provisions of this legislation be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those portions of this legislation which are not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.

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Honorable Seth Damon
Speaker
24th Navajo Nation Council

MEMORANDUM

TO : Kee Allen Begay, Jr., Sponsor
24th Navajo Nation Council

FROM : _____
Chad Abeyta, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE : January 23, 2022

RE : **AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; AND AMENDING 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. 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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Good Evening,

I am in support of Honorable Kee Allen Begay's Legislation 0021-22

Thank you,

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Yá'át'ééh, to all concerned, hereby the TeecNosPos King/Clark CVO stands with the proposed legislation. We need a director who works all parties and not just answer to one. The veterans want input on the selection of a director so any changes in policies and procedures that happen they had apart of the process.
We endorse the change of the Veterans Advisory council to Board of Commissioners in that the veterans will not be pushed aside comments as "You are just an advisory council we can listen to you but don't have to use it". Áhé'héé
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NORTHERN NAVAJO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION
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Secretary: Vacant

Resolution of Northern Navajo Veterans Organization

NNVO-01-22

NORTHERN NAVAJO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS LEGISLATION RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING AND APPROVING 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

Whereas:

1. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act, Section One. Findings paragraph D. The purpose of this legislation is to establish a Veterans' administration under the Office of the President and Vice-President, which effectively and efficiently provides outreach, services and benefits to veterans; and

2. Pursuant to the same Act, Section One. Findings paragraph E. The legislation established Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council to recognize veterans and ensure participation in policies and data system development; and

3. Pursuant to the same Act, Section One. Findings paragraph M. There is a need to ensure that Navajo veterans have direct involvement in policy-making decisions regarding veteran's services and benefits; and

4. The **Northern Navajo Veterans Organization** is locally, regionally and Navajo Nation wide recognized to address concerns, issues and advocate for its veterans; and

5. The **Northern Navajo Veterans Organization supports** changing the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council to become the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners with the following authority: To recommend appointment and termination of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director to the Navajo Nation Council upon recommendation by the Health Education and Human Services Committee and the Navajo Nation President; and

6. The **Northern Navajo Veterans Organization supports** Veterans Board of Commissioners to recommend to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee to approve the rules, policies and procedures for the Board of Commissioners and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration in accordance with the laws of the Navajo Nation, to review and make recommendations for funding and budget matters, to recommend and advise any changes relating to funding, housing, and to recommend any amendments, adoption, or address any concerns relating to veterans; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

NORTHERN NAVAJO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS LEGISLATION RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING AND APPROVING 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

NORTHERN NAVAJO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION

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The Northern Navajo Veterans Organization Hereby Certifies the Foregoing Resolution that was Considered at a Duly Call Meeting at San Juan College, Farmington, NM and that the same was approved and passed with a vote of 37 in Favor; 0 Opposed and 2 Abstain on the 14th of January 2022.

Motioned: Joe Ramone
Seconded: Jerry Todacheenie

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Commander, Elouise Brown

0021-22 Comments on Kee Allen Begay Jr. Legislations

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1. These proposed legislations in regards to the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA) are derived from Kee Allen Begay Jr.'s poersonal animus towards the NNVA Ex.ecutive director. He collaborated with some members of the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (NNVAC) members to produce such vindictive legislation
    a. In August 2021, at Shonto Chapter Veterans Organization monthly meeting, delegate Herman Daniels, Jr. said that he is working with Kee Allen Begay, Jr. to remove the NNVA Executive Director. Mr. Daniels is on the Resources and Development Committee, along with Mr. Begay.
    b. When consulting with the NNVAC members at Chinle (Dec 14, 2021), Mr. Begay and several members of the NNVAC discussed the possibility of removing the NNVA Executive Director when this legislation is approved. They wanted the NNVA Executive Director's removal as soon as the legislation is signed, or as stating "effective immediate." Legal counsel on-the-line dissuaded them.
    c. Several members of the NNVAC have been serving on and off the NNVAC since the inception of the NNVAC. They have been obstructive and challenged the last two administrations and have intensified with the hiring of James Zweilein, the current Executive Director.
        i. Mr. Zweirlien is not Navajo. This legislation is designed to prevent the hiring of non-Navajos.
        ii. The NNVAC (Northern, Central, Ft. Defiance) members have dogged the Executive Director into revealing his contract with the Navajo Nation.
        iii. They also want legal representation to not counsel them on legislations, policies, etc., but for litigious representation towards the administration.
        iv. They have circumvented the administration and colluded with the Navajo Nation Council membership to oppose and not cooperate with the NNVA to develop and implement policies to benefit the veterans.
    d. Commissioners: I agree with the language that the HEHS Committee affirm the Commissioners. I do not recommend the sitting members of the NNVAC be the members of the proposed "Commissioners." Some have been members of the NN Veterans Advisory Committee since the inception of the NNVAC. They have not performed their stated duties and have not been productive at anything. Changing their titles to "Commissioners" will not help at all.
1. In 2017, the Veterans Housing Program (VHP) was halted. The NNC stipulated that the VHP audit findings. They were not adequately addressed, nor resolved until Mr. Zweirlien was hired.
    a. Each agency had a Housing Specialist, Carpenters, and Trade Specialists (electricians, plumbers) to construct homes. ALL, positions were eliminated. Only one Housing program position was preserved. The position is located at the Central. Only ONE position was funded.
    b. Mr. Zweirlien and his staff at central addressed the audit findings and the VHP resumed in late 2021. The budget for housing specialists was approved for fiscal year 2022.
    c. For several years, the VHP was run by the Executive Director because he and Mr. Dickerson were the only people heading the housing program. Kee Allen Begay, Jr. objected to this because the Director's name was associated with the VHP.
    d. With the newly hired Housing Program personnel, the position that Mr. Begay (Charles-Newton) is now legislating is already in effect.
2. Western Agency Veterans Trust Fund (VTF) budget is created and is using a singular (ONE) account for all 18 Chapters.
    a. NO CARRY-OVER is the objective. Last Year (FY'21), over One million dollars went unused and reverted as carry-over. This year (FY'22), all allocated monies for assistance has been used.
    b. EQUITY is a must. Any and all applicants for assistance are given equal consideration. Whether, the veteran is living on or off the Navajo Nation, they have the same right and access to VTF monies.
    c. The Executive Director has leeway on how to administer the budget. He has given the Chapter Veteran Organizations (CVO) options on how to receive their VTF funds. Because the agency CVOs opted for a singular account, doesn't prohibit the CVO from asking for their own business unit. Mr. Begay's language may sound that he is speaking for ALL Chapters. He is not and we object to this impression.

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A. Selection of Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director.

I support the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director position needed amended to make it "at will position" of the Navajo Nation. The selection process is acceptable, just need to be complied with criterions. See attachment RFP (3 pages).

1. Back in 1990s or early 2000, the NNC proposed to make Division Director a contract position, but DOJ issued Legal Opinion that Division Director position cannot contracted out due to liability matters.
2. Navajo Veterans Administration (NVA) Executive Director has far less responsibility than the Division Director. Division Director has multiply and complex contracted program funds, supervises multiply mid-managers staff and responsible for some highly valuable equipment. NVA Executive Director only has one program, assisting veteran with application for VA Veterans' benefits and service, and managed a single source of funding (NN general and trust funds). NVA Central Office has Deputy Director, Administrative Management Specialist and Office Specialist at NVA Central Office, and 5 Agency Offices are staff with Veterans Service Officer, Administrative Management Specialist and Office Specialist. The total NVA staff is less than 30 people.

B. Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.

There is none prevents the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council to advise the President and the Navajo Nation Council improve and/or implement Navajo Veterans Services.

1. The Navajo Veterans Advisory Council (NVAC) is an Ad-Hoc Citizen Committee with no set criteria to advise the President of Navajo Nation on situations with veterans in communities, individual veteran's needs, identified needed veterans' services, etc. NVAC is grassroot Veterans to advise the President to formulate action plan on veterans matters for legislation action and Navajo Veterans Administration (NVA) implementation veterans' services. This process is absent in the current Navajo Veterans Administration.

The criteria for appointment of the Veterans Advisory Council:

a) Veteran served in Armed Forces of the United States (VA Form DD214 Discharge Certificate).
b) Registered voter of respective chapter.
c) Member of Chapter Veterans' Organization within the respective Agency.
d) Agency Veterans Organization selects two (male and female) veterans and referral the names to the President to appoint veteran to NVAC membership.

2. Complication of Navajo Veterans Advisory Council.

Navajo Veterans Advisory Council (NVAC) is two (2) headed serpent, five (5) male and five (5) female. There is a distinct division line of gender in the representation. In the original drafted Navajo Nation Veterans Act (Act), only has seven (7) Veterans Advisory Council members. Requirement: the appointee be a veteran with honorable discharged veteran (without gender distinction). The membership was increased to ten (10) members without clarification in the final passage of the Act. Veterans Advisory Council is quasi-public advocate group to advise NN President on veterans concerns and makes recommendations (no legislative authority) for President's veteran legislation and/or actions. In that, they should not be subject to plan of operation or by-law which inhibit a member to express freely. NVAC should only adhere to standard ethical conduct laws of NN and general parliamentary procedures for meeting records and attendance.

a) There are evidences of no collaboration existed within the Advisory Council, everyone is for themselves and/or collusion against one another.
b) NVA Executive Director, contracted position, is non-voting member to Veterans Advisory Council. Executive Director uses the Advisory Council to approve change and develop policy and procedures (Advisory Council has no legislative authority), causes negative impacts of bias and favoritism toward the administration over veterans' beneficiaries needs and concerns.
c) The spouse of NVA Executive Director (non-voter of NVAC) is appointed to serve on NVAC which is unacceptable practice of NN Ethic Laws of the Board and Commission, and the Navajo Culture and Tradition.
d) None existed OP/VP and NNC collaboration. NVAC is supposedly be the voice of the grassroot Navajo veterans' concerns to the President, and OP/VP to collaborate with legislature to enact applicable Navajo Veterans' legislations, programs and services, and representation to develop advocacy strategic in behalf of the Navajo Veterans to full use of federal veterans' benefits and services which the Navajo veterans are entitled. President appointed NVA Executive Director, non-Navajo Tribe, to National Native American and Alaska Native Veterans Advisory Committee of U.S. Veterans Administration, without consultation with NNC. Executive Director does not speak Navajo language, have absolutely lack of knowledge on Navajo cultures and traditions as use by the Navajo Veterans for their maintain quality of life.
e) Advisory Council members are addressed as Agency Commander or Co-Commander. Navajo Nation Veterans Act only recognizes Chapter Veterans

Organizations (CVO), does not mention Agency Veterans Organizations. Agency Veterans Organizations were established as ad-hoc committee before enactment of Navajo Veterans Act to assist Agency Veterans Administration to disseminate information to the veterans at the chapter level through the Agency meeting.

NAVAJO VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL TO REMAINED ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Navajo Veterans Advisory Council need to maintain neutral roll as an advocacy and advisor to the President and Legislature of Navajo Nation. The President in collaboration with the Navajo Nation Council amend, create and delete NN Veterans' Program policies and procedures, and initiates the intergovernmental contacts with the state and federal government entities, including state legislatures and congress, for veterans' benefits and services.

Enclosing, the whole Navajo Veterans Administration Program Service is in your hands. Do the right things to enhance the service to the Navajo veterans and surviving beneficiaries. Should you have question, you may contact me at (505) 486-5377, email: pjgeorge@citlink.net. Thank you, stay safe and healthy.

/s/ Paul J George
Paul J. George
Tse' Daa Kaan CVO

Shiprock, NM 87420

THE NAVAJO NATION

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
DECEMBER 30, 2016

THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (6 YEAR CONTRACT)

The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration ("NNVA") is seeking proposals from qualified and experienced individuals for Executive Director (hereinafter referred to as "Director"). This individual will provide qualified and competent supervision and management of the NNVA at the request of the Office of the President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation.

NNVA / OPVP will consider proposals from interested individuals to accomplish these objectives.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The NNVA was established to help alleviate the shortage of services, programs, i.e. Health, Housing, Benefits and Claims, Education, etc. for eligible Navajo Veterans and Veterans in the Navajo Nation, and when appropriate, to promote or maintain the economic development of the Navajo Nation through programs and services provided.

For the past 40 years, NNVA (formerly Department of Navajo Veterans Affairs or "DNVA") has played a key role in bringing services and programs to all of Navajo Nation's Veterans and citizens. The Administration is dedicated to increase and maintain its level of excellence in work quality and performance through continuous improvements in all administrative, operational, logistical and support functions. This ensures that NNVA continuously provides better services for Navajo Veterans (i.e. Navajo Veterans Trust Funds) and Veterans.

SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of services set forth in this RFP represents an outline of the services which NNVA anticipates the successful individual will perform, and is presented for the primary purpose of allowing NNVA to compare qualifications. The precise scope of duties and responsibilities shall be negotiated between NNVA and the successful individual selected.

NNVA's primary objective for this RFP is to engage an individual to provide qualified and competent services to NNVA. The individual selected must agree to the following conditions:

- Execution of a contract for up to six (6) years to provide professional, qualified and competent services to NNVA.
- Provide qualified, competent supervision and management to NNVA.
- Director will inform personnel of the specific duties, length of assignment, and any specific skills or abilities required.
- Please review and understand job duties and responsibilities as follows:

1. Under administrative and operational direction of the President of the Navajo Nation, perform work of considerable difficulty with responsibility to direct and manage the NNVA with the assistance of each respective service area leadership.
2. Shall set administrative goals through a 3 to 6 year plan while considering priority goals, overhead cost to implement and administer priority projects, create and implement a strategic management plan.
3. Provide current up to date information to the President of the Navajo Nation and the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (during quarterly meetings).
4. Provide information on administrative and operational cost impact. With the overall management process of the administration's overall administrative, operational and logistical management, such as program or projects, fiscal/property management, contract and grants administration, personnel management, records management and the development of various reporting procedures and guidelines.
5. Organize, implement and coordinate administrative activities.
6. Collaborate and supervise program or project staff to achieve organizational goals and objectives.
7. Develop and administer the program's annual budget; prepare and manage Budget Status and Expenditure reports; perform budget adjustments and transfers as needed; ensure each agency complies with funding requirements, provides accounting and expenditure control; develops and implements internal control mechanisms, procedures and guidelines to maintain fiscal accountability; work with J.D. Edwards Financial Management Information Systems; provide clarification and interpretation of Budget Instructions and Policies manual and other pertinent laws regarding fiscal matters; review and comply with Navajo Nation Procurement Laws.
8. Monitor grant proposals to acquire funds to support Navajo Veterans benefits and services and other applicable services.
9. Communicate regularly on program and/or project activities

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Interested individuals should observe the following requirements in the preparation and submission of proposals:

1. One (1) original and three (3) copies of the Proposal should be delivered in a sealed envelope to the President of the Navajo Nation:

Office of the President and Vice President
P.O. Box 7440
Window Rock, AZ 86515.

Proposals will be received until position is filled. Faxed or e-mailed responses will not be considered. Proposals received after the aforementioned date and time will result in the NNVA's rejection of the Proposal.

NOTE: Postmark dates will not be considered as the basis for meeting any submission requirement.

2. Proposals must include a cover letter signed by an individual authorized to enter into a contract with the OPVP/NNVA, acknowledging that the individual agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of the RFP and affirming that all information contained in the Proposal is true and accurately portrays all aspects of the services to be provided and qualification of the Director.

3. Any proposals that does not adhere to this format and which does not address each requirement and the scope of work within the RFP may be deemed non-responsive and rejected on that basis.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Individuals submitting a Proposal may not contact members of Navajo Veterans Advisory Council or other staff of NNVA;
2. All requests for interpretation or clarification of any term in the RFP should be directed to the Office of the President or Vice-President via e-mail at fjohnson@navajo-nsn.gov. Position is open until filled.
3. NNVA shall not be liable for any pre-contract costs incurred by any individuals participating in the selection process.
4. All matters set forth in a Proposal are matters of public record and shall become the property of NNVA and may be disclosed by NNVA in accordance with statutory requirements or otherwise as determined by NNVA or OPVP.
5. NNVA is not exempt from the payment of excise and sales taxes imposed by the Federal Government and/or the State or the Navajo Nation. Proposers remain liable; however, for applicable taxes or other taxes which may apply.

In reviewing all proposals, NNVA reserves the right to:

1. Reject any and all Proposals received in response to this request;
2. Negotiate the fees and charges contained in any Proposal, and is not obligated to accept a Proposal based upon the demands set forth by the proposer;
3. Accept a proposal based on considerations other than costs;
4. Waive or modify any irregularities or informalities in Proposals received;
5. Award contracts for quality and professional services in any manner necessary to serve the best interest of NNVA and;
6. Request additional information as determined necessary.

Respondents should also be aware of the following:

1. Failure to perform to the satisfaction of NNVA or OPVP will result in termination of the contract upon fifteen (15) days written notice by NNVA.
2. Qualified individuals may be required to interview with OPVP/NNVA as it deems necessary.
3. The agreement between NNVA and the selected individual will be evidenced by a written contract (the "Contract"), which shall incorporate this RFP, the Proposal and any related correspondence. In executing such Contract, the selected individual agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of this RFP, and that all representations, warranties and commitments in the Proposal and related correspondence are contractual obligations. In the event of any conflict in the terms and conditions between the RFP, Proposal and any related correspondence, the RFP shall control.
4. The term of the Contract shall be six (6) years between NNVA and the successful respondent. NNVA reserves the right to extend this contract for a period up to the full original contract term or parts thereof.
5. It is the policy of NNVA to contribute to the establishment, preservation and strengthening of THE PLAN OF THE OPERATION OF THE NNVA. NNVA encourages Navajo Preference and Veterans Preference; however, this solicitation is NOT restricted to residents of the Navajo Nation but shall be willing to relocate at the expense of the Proposer. Proposers are required to provide a copy of their current certification of qualifications, documents and all other applicable documents as required by the NNVA/OPVP with their bid.

GOVERNING LAW

The review of this RFP will be reviewed in compliance with applicable Navajo Nation laws such as the Navajo Nation Business Opportunity Act.

THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY

LEGISLATION NO.: 0021-22

SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay Jr.

TITLE: An Act Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Selection Process for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director; and Amending 2 N.N.C. § 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 Relating to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council

Posted: January 27, 2022 at 6:27 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: February 1, 2022

Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	*None*
Comments Opposing	*None*
Comments/Recommendations	**1) Leo Billey**

Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

February 22, 2022; 10:34 AM
Date/Time

February 5, 2022

Honorable Council Delgates

Regarding James Zewerlin V.A. director needs to be removed,
Due to over 1yr. ago he told us at Nenahnezad Northren V.A. Agency meeting he told us he was not working for us Veterans but working with President Nez and not us Veterans. And to this day he has not made report to Northren V.A. Veterans. Also, to Council Delegates, when they asked him for report he said I have none Now, he's taunting the delgates saying he has a six yr. contrack with President Nez and I thought he was appointed. When Eugenia Newton asked him for copy of contract none or what contract says.

He showed up at Tec-Nos-Pons North Agency Meeting last fall, he was way in the back, then later he just left— no report when called.

Then his wife is on the Veteran Advisory Council from Eastern Agency — is that and I thought was conflict of interest?

Shiprock had a CVO meeting

February 4, 2022 and was on Agenda for report – no show he told Lloyd Begay on phone he was on trip to DC for what?

Then on Budget he told us CVO we don't know how to make budget. And we do or use to make our own CVO budget in past But, now he threw 1 big lump of money at Northen Agency and we ran out, We like only got one assistance per Veteran.

Then on our Northren V.A. Agency what happen to our Carry over for FY-2018, 19, 20 and 2021 – ?

On housing not 1 Veteran house built yet?

Hes the reason Wallace Charley left or fired him? Now Shiprock V.S.O officer left in December alone with the Secartary at Shiprock V.A. Agency?

James Zewerlin should be saying or asking us May I help you Veterans or Whats your needs or complaint. There's no harming or joy from him. Thank You Council Delgates – I got my hardship check.

Thank You from Tesalnaozti, Veteran Organiztion Commander Leo Billey

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Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	1) Nazlini Chapter Government
Comments Opposing	*None*
Comments/Recommendations	*None*

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NAZLINI CHAPTER RESOLUTION
NAZL-FEB-22-027

SUPPORTING VETERANS RELATED LEGISLATIONS 0021-22, 0022-22 AND 0024-22 SPONSORED BY HONORABLE KEE ALLEN BEGAY JR. OF THE 24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

WHEREAS:

1) Pursuant to N.N.C., Title 26, Section 101, and the Navajo Nation Council Resources and Development Committee Legislation #RDCF-0052-15 dated February 17, 2015, Nazlini Chapter Government was recognized as an LGA Certified Chapter and delegated with the responsibility and authority to make decisions over local chapter matters; AND

2) Honorable Kee Allen Begay Jr., 24th Navajo Nation Council Delegate is sponsoring three (3) Navajo Veterans related legislations as follows; AND

0021-22	An Act relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order and Naabikiyati Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Selection Process for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director: and amending 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 relating to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.
0022-22	An Act relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order and Naabikiyati Committees and the Navajo Nation Council: Amending 2 N.N.C.§ 1033 to establish a program manager to administer the Veterans Housing Program.
0024-22	An Action relating to the resources and Development, Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, Law and Order and Naabikiyati Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund at 12 N.N.C. § 1176 to create separate business unit numbers when funding Navajo Veterans Organizations.

3) Nazlini Chapter supports Honorable Kee Allen Begay Jr.'s efforts to amend Navajo Nation laws that will benefit our Navajo Veterans and the services they are entitled to.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1) The Nazlini Chapter hereby supports Navajo Veterans related legislations 0021-22, 0022-22 and 0024-22 sponsored by Honorable Kee Allen Begay Jr. of the 24th Navajo Nation Council.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered and moved for adoption by Leo Mann Jr., seconded by Irvin R. Shirley and passed by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, this 16th day of February 2022.

Lee V. Bigwater, Chapter President

Joseph Dedman Jr., Chapter Vice President

JoAnn Dedman, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Irvin R. Shirley, Grazing Representative

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Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	1) Fort Defiance Agency Veterans' Organization
Comments Opposing	*None*
Comments/Recommendations	*None*

Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

April 18, 2022; 7:41 PM
Date/Time

FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY VETERANS' ORGANIZATION
AGENCY MEETING
P.O. Box 430
Window Rock, Arizona, 86515
Commander: Olin T. Kieyoomia Vice Commander: Cassandra Morgan Secretary: Lionel Allen
Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council Representative: Linda Roanhorse- Onesalt

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING LEGISLATION 0021-22; AN ACT RELATING TO HELATH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND NAABIK'IYATI COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL, AMENDING THE SELELCTION PROCESS FOR THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; AND AMENDING 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL.

FDAVO-02-22-01

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to The Navajo Nation Veterans Act; Title II, Section One (E,I,M.N,O,R,T); SS 1032 (B-5,9,10), The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Navajo Nation through resolution of the Veterans Agency; and
2. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution CMA-25-71; The Navajo Veterans were recognized and a Navajo Nation Veterans Administration was established under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government- Office of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Navajo Nation with a Plan of Operation to address the issues, concerns and advocate for all Navajo Veterans; and
4. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization recognizes and acknowledges that it is entrusted to strive toward unification of all Navajo Nation Veterans and Local Leadership to provide leadership and coordinate with the needs of the veterans; and
5. In 1942, the Navajo Nation Council passed a resolution to aid and defend the United States against all subversive and assisted in the United States Selective Services Board to draft the eligible Navajo to serve in the United States Armed Services and reaffirm allegiance to the United States and expression of patriotism; and
6. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges the "BlueStar" position be replaced with "Disabled Veteran" to sit as an Ex-Officio position on the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council; and
7. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges the six (6) year contract the Navajo Nation Executive Director has be null and voided after the passage of this resolution and or Navajo Nation Resolution according to contract law; and
8. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges to extended the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners from 2-year term to 4-year term; and

FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY VETERANS' ORGANIZATION
AGENCY MEETING
P.O. Box 430
Window Rock, Arizona, 86515
Commander: Olin T. Kieyoomia Vice Commander: Cassandra Morgan Secretary: Lionel Allen
Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council Representative: Linda Roanhorse- Onesalt

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans SUPPORTING LEGISLATION 0021-22; AN ACT RELATING TO HELATH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND NAABIK'IYATI COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL, AMENDING THE SELELCTION PROCESS FOR THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; AND AMENDING 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL.
2. This resolution, if approved, will amend the process of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director. (NOTE: amendments at 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031(B) and 1034€(1) pertains to selection process of the NNVA Executive Director and shall take effect with the new appointment of a NNVA Executive Director after the six year term of the current Executive Director's contract has expired or the Executive Director is otherwise no longer contracted as Executive Director, whichever event transpire first).
3. This legislation further amends the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council to become the Navajo Nation Veterans Boards of Commissioners.
4. Lastly, this legislation provides amendments to the structure and term limits for the Navajo Nation Board of Commissioners.
5. All (26) Chapter Veteran Organizations were educated, informed, provided afforded time to discuss and debate and implement resolutions of support and or opposition.

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

The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Hereby Certifies the Foregoing Resolution, that was Considered at a Regular Duly Called Meeting in Nahata Dzill, Arizona (Navajo Nation) and that same was approved and passed with a vote of **48** in Favor; **00** Opposed and **00** Abstain on the **02ND day of FEBRUARY 2022.**

Motioned: Gordon Gorman, Ganado
Seconded: Steven Kee, Ganado

Olin T. Kieyoomia- Commander
Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

FOURTH YEAR 2022

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker,

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

Legislation #0021-22: An Act Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Selection Process for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director; and Amending 2 N.N.C. § 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 Relating to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council

Sponsor: Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

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

And thence is referred to the Law and Order Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel E. Tso, Chairman
Health, Education and Human Services Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council

Date: May 18, 2022

Main Motion:
Motion: Honorable Pernell Halona
Second: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka
Vote: 3-0-0

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
May 18, 2022

Legislation #0021-22: An Act Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Selection Process for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director; and Amending 2 N.N.C. § 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 Relating to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council

Sponsor: Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Main Motion:
Motion: Honorable Pernell Halona
Second: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka

Yea: Paul Begay Jr.; Carl R. Slater; Edison J. Wauneka
Nay:
Not Voting: Daniel E. Tso (Presiding Chairman); Pernell Halona; Charlaine Tso
Excused:
Absent:
Vote: 3-0-0

Daniel E. Tso, Chairman
Health, Education and Human Services Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council

Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor
Health, Education and Human Services Committee
Office of Legislative Services

LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

FOURTH YEAR 2022

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker,

The **LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

Legislation No. 0021-22: An Act Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, and Naabik'iyati' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Selection Process for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director; and Amending 2 N.N.C. §§1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 Relating to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council – *Sponsor: Kee A. Begay, Jr.*

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

And, therefore referred to the Naabik'iyati' Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Otto Tso, Pro Tem Chairman
Law and Order Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council

Date: June 14, 2022

Main Motion:
Motion : Honorable Eugene Tso
Second : Honorable Vince James
Vote : 3-0-2

LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
Special Meeting
June 14, 2022

Legislation No. 0021-22: An Act Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, and Naabik'iyati' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Selection Process for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director; and Amending 2 N.N.C. §§1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 Relating to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council – *Sponsor: Kee A. Begay, Jr.*

VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Main Motion:
Motion: Honorable Eugene Tso
Second: Honorable Vince James
Vote: 3-0-2

Yea: Hon. Eugenia Charles-Newton, Hon. Vince James, Hon. Eugene Tso
Nay: None
Not Voting: Hon. Otto Tso
Excused: None
Absent: Hon. Edmund Yazzie

Otto Tso, Pro Tem Chairman
Law and Order Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council

Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor
Office of Legislative Services

THE NAVAJO NATION
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Posted: January 27, 2022 at 6:27 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: February 01, 2022

Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	**1) Navajo Nation Veterans' Advisory Council**
Comments Opposing	***None***
Comments/Recommendations	***None***

Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

July 08, 2022; 9:35 AM
Date/Time

NAVAJO NATION VETERANS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Tim Johnson, Chairperson **Mrs. Elouise Brown**, Vice-Chairperson **Ms. Elciena Baker**, Secretary
CENTRAL AGENCY EASTERN AGENCY FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY WESTERN AGENCY NORTHERN AGENCY

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING AN ACT RELATING TO THE HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'IYATI COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINSTRATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; AND AMENDING 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

NNVAC-04-22

1. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJA-3-16; Navajo Nation Veterans Act; Title II, Chapter 5, Subchapter1, Section One, (M, N, O,); Article 4, §1033, The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council is duly established by the Navajo Nation and Navajo Veterans are recognized; and
2. Pursuant to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee Resolution HEHSCJY-04-16; Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council Plan of Operation; Section I, II, III, IV, V, VI; The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council is duly recognized by the Navajo Nation.
3. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council recognizes, understands and acknowledges NNVA Office Staff Shall Provide financial update, assistance, technical support and clarification, and shall maintain each fund account and provide monthly financial reports to each CVO.
4. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council recognizes, understands and acknowledges the "BlueStar" position be replaced with "Disabled Veteran" to sit as an Ex-Officio position on the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council; and
5. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council recognizes, understands and acknowledges the six (6) year contract the Navajo Nation Executive Director needs be null and voided after the passage of this Legislation and or Navajo Nation Resolution according to contract law; and
6. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council recognizes, understands and acknowledges extended the Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commissioners from 2-year term to 4-year term; and
7. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council OPPOSE any amendments with out the consultation of the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

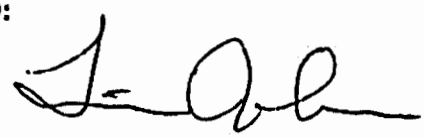
1. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council SUPPORTING LEGISLATION 0021-22; AN ACT RELATING TO HELATH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND NAABIK'IYATI COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL, AMENDING THE SELELCTION PROCESS FOR THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; AND AMENDING 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL.
2. This resolution, if approved, will amend the process of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director. (NOTE: amendments at 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031(B) and 1034€(1) pertains to selection process of the NNVA Executive Director and shall take effect with the new appointment of a NNVA Executive Director after the six year term of the current Executive Director's contract has expired or the Executive Director is otherwise no longer contracted as Executive Director, whichever event transpire first).
3. This legislation further amends the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council to become the Navajo Nation Veterans Boards of Commissioners.
4. Lastly, this legislation provides amendments to the structure and term limits for the Navajo Nation Board of Commissioners.
5. The Navajo Nation Veterans' Advisory Council was educated, informed, and provided afforded time to discuss and debate and implement resolutions of support and or opposition.
6. The Navajo Nation Veterans' Advisory Council majority vote on this legislation shall speak to the legislation.

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

The Navajo Nation Veterans' Advisory Council hereby certifies the foregoing Resolution, that was considered at a regular duly called meeting in Brimhall, New Mexico (Navajo Nation) and that same was approved and passed with a vote of **06** in Favor; **02** Opposed and **01** Abstain on the **5th day of April 2022.**

Motioned: VERN LEE, NORTHERN AGENCY
Seconded: ELOUISE BROWN, NORTHERN AGENCY

CERTIFIED:



Tim Johnson, Chair
Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council Chair

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE REPORT
Fourth Year 2022

The **NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

NAVAJO LEGISLATIVE BILL #0021-22

An Act Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Selection Process for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director; and Amending 2 N.N.C. § 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 Relating to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council

Sponsored by: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

Has had it under consideration and reports the same that the legislation **WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE

14 July 2022

MAIN MOTION
Motioned by: Honorable Rickie Nez
Seconded by: Honorable Nathaniel Brown
Vote: 20 in Favor, 00 Opposed (Chairman Damon Not Voting)

NAVAJO NATION

1298 7/14/2022

Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Regular Meeting 04:44:53 PM

Amd# to Amd#	New Business: Item E.	PASSED
MOT Nez, R	-Legislation 0021-22: Amending	
SEC Brown	the Selection Process for the Navajo Nation Veterans . . .	

Yeas : 20 **Nays : 0** **Excused : 1** **Not Voting : 2**

Yea : 20

Begay, E	Daniels	Slater, C	Tso, O
Begay, K	Freeland, M	Stewart, W	Walker, T
Begay, P	Halona, P	Tso, C	Wauneka, E
Brown	James, V	Tso, D	Yazzie
Charles-Newton	Nez, R	Tso, E	Yellowhair

Nay : 0

Excused : 1

Crotty

Not Voting : 2

Smith Henio, J

Presiding Speaker: Damon

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Sponsored by: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

Has had it under consideration and reports the same that the legislation **WAS REFERRED BACK TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

21 July 2022

REFERRAL MOTION
Motion to Refer Legislation 0021-22 back to the Naabikiyati' Committee to hold a Work Session within 30 days; to hear from the Navajo Veterans, Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council and possibly the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration
Motioned by: Honorable Jimmy Yellowhair
Seconded by: Honorable Pernell Halona
Vote: 13 In Favor, 09 Opposed (Speaker Damon Not Voting)

MAIN MOTION
Motioned by: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton
Seconded by: Honorable Jimmy Yellowhair
Vote: VOTE PENDING

NAVAJO NATION

1147

7/21/2022

Navajo Nation Council Summer Session

11:34:36 AM

Amd# to Amd#	Motion to Refer Legislation	PASSED
MOT Yellowhair	0021-22 to Naabikiyati Committee	
SEC Halona, P	for Work Session within 30 days	

Yeas : 13 **Nays : 9** **Excused : 0** **Not Voting : 1**

Yea : 13

Begay, P	Halona, P	Tso	Wauneka, E
Brown	Henio, J	Tso, E	Yazzie
Daniels	Smith	Walker, T	Yellowhair
Freeland, M			

Nay : 9

Begay, K	James, V	Slater, C	Tso, C
Charles-Newton	Nez, R	Stewart, W	Tso, D
Crotty			

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 1

Begay, E

Presiding Speaker: Damon

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE REPORT
Fourth Year 2022

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Sponsored by: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

Has had it under consideration and reports the same that the legislation **WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE

22 September 2022

MAIN MOTION
Motioned by: Honorable Eugene Tso
Seconded by: Honorable Daniel E. Tso
Vote: 11 in Favor, 06 Opposed (Chairman Damon Not Voting)

NAVAJO NATION

1343 9/22/2022

Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Regular Meeting 04:22:38 PM

Amd# to Amd#	Old Business: Item A.	PASSED
MOT Tso, E	-Legislation 0021-22: Amending	
SEC Tso, D	the Selection Process for the Navajo Nation Veteran's Admin...	

Yeas : 11 **Nays : 6** **Excused : 6** **Not Voting : 0**

Yea : 11

Begay, E	Henio, J	Slater, C	Tso, E
Begay, K	James, V	Stewart, W	Yellowhair
Freeland, M	Nez, R	Tso, D	

Nay : 6

Begay, P	Halona, P	Walker, T	Wauneka, E
Daniels	Tso, O		

Excused : 6

Brown	Crotty	Tso, C	Yazzie
Charles-Newton	Smith		

Not Voting : 0

Presiding Speaker: Damon

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Fourth Year 2022

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Sponsored by: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

Has had it under consideration and reports the same that the legislation **FAILED (LEGISLATION DID NOT RECEIVE 16 IN FAVOR VOTES)**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

18 October 2022

MAIN MOTION
Motioned by: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton
Seconded by: Honorable Daniel E. Tso
Vote: 14 in Favor, 09 Opposed (Speaker Damon Not Voting)

NAVAJO NATION

1198 10/18/2022

Navajo Nation Council 2022 Fall Session 11:43:51 AM

Amd# to Amd#	Legislation 0021-22: Amending	FAILED
MOT Charles-Newton	the Selection Process for the	
SEC Tso, D	Navajo Nation Veterans	
	Administration Executive.....	

Yeas : 14 **Nays : 9** **Excused : 0** **Not Voting : 0**

Yea : 14

Begay, E	Crotty	Stewart, W	Tso, D
Begay, K	James, V	Tso	Tso, E
Brown	Nez, R	Tso, C	Yellowhair
Charles-Newton	Slater, C		

Nay : 9

Begay, P	Halona, P	Smith	Wauneka, E
Daniels	Henio, J	Walker, T	Yazzie
Freeland, M			

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 0

Presiding Speaker: Damon