

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2019

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

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 400(A). The committee "serve[s] as the oversight committee for the Division of Health, Division of Social Services, Division of Human Resources Department of Diné Education, Division of General Services ...." 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(1).
- B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700(A). All proposed legislation requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council are assigned to the committee. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(9).
- C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §102. Pursuant to 1 N.N.C. § 705, the Navajo Nation Council, by majority vote, must approve all requests for reinstatement of membership enrollment with the Navajo Nation.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

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


- B. Ms. Karen Rae Nieto filed for relinquishment of her enrollment with the Zuni Tribe. On January 27, 2016, the Zuni Tribe approved Ms. Nieto's relinquishment request. See **Exhibit "D."**
- C. Ms. Karen Rae Nieto is seeking reinstatement with the Navajo Nation. See **Exhibit "E"**, letter dated June 3, 2019.
- D. Ms. Karen Rae Nieto is Ashiini and is the originally from the Chinle community. Her mother is Navajo.

### **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL FOR REENROLLMENT**

Ms. Karen Rae Nieto, is and shall be reinstated, or otherwise reenrolled, as a member of the Navajo Nation. By this action of the Navajo Nation Council and pursuant to the laws of the Navajo Nation, she shall be entitled to all rights, benefits and privileges associated with membership with the Navajo Nation.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 21 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.



Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

12/27/19  
DATE

Motion: Honorable Daniel E. Tso  
Second: Honorable Paul Begay

Speaker Seth Damon not voting

VERIFICATION OF INDIAN PREFERENCE FOR EMPLOYMENT  
IN BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE ONLY

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

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

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

Karen Rae Nieto

1/2 Navajo -

Full Name

Date of Birth

Tribal Affiliation

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

*[Signature]*

06-17-96

OR

None

Tribal Representative

Date

BIA Representative

Date

Vital Statistic Technician

Title

None

Title

Chinle

Agency Name

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

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

Name of Individual

Date of Birth

Reservation of Residence  
on June 1, 1934

Ancestor

Tribal Record of Affiliation

Date

BIA Representative

Title

Agency Name



# RELINQUISHMENT OF NAVAJO NATION MEMBERSHIP

EXHIBIT

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

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

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

Signed at Fort Defiance this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011

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

## WITNESSES:

Amilta Tom  
NAME  
PO Box Window Rock  
ADDRESS  
Az 86515

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

## ACKNOWLEDGED:

T. A. J.  
President, The Navajo Nation  
10/15/2011  
Date Approved

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



ARLEN P. QUETAWKI, SR.  
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STEVE K. BOONE  
Lt. Governor

ARDEN KUCATE  
Head Councilman

VACANT  
Councilman

# ZUNI TRIBE

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GERALD HOOEE, SR.  
Councilman

MARK MARTINEZ  
Councilman

BIRDENA SANCHEZ  
Councilwoman

DATE: March 14, 2012

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

FROM: Tribal Census Office, Pueblo of Zuni

SUBJECT: Enrollment Status of: NIETO, KAREN RAE

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

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

Mother: ROSEMARY LEE Father: ROY NIETO

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

OR

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

  
Xyla Johnson  
Vital Records Technician

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



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

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EXHIBIT

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Councilman

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Councilwoman

VACANT  
Councilwoman

ERIC BOBELU  
Councilman

EXHIBIT

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## RELINQUISHMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

## CERTIFICATION

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

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

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

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

Navajo Office of Vital Records

Indian Rte100

Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

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

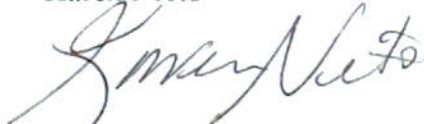
The reason why I am requesting this is because my father has taken over the home that was built for us and evicted my family and I – so, we had nowhere else to move but into Gallup, NM and leave that tribe behind.

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

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

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

Karen Nieto





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**NAVAJO NATION**

12/19/2019

**SPECIAL SESSION**

03:31:07 PM

Amd# to Amd#

Legislation No. 0322-19

**PASSED**

MOT Tso, D

Approving the Reinstatement of

SEC Begay, P

Ms. Karen Rae Nieto as a Member  
of the NN

**Yea : 21**

**Nay : 0**

**Excused : 0**

**Not Voting : 2**

**Yea : 21**

Begay, E

Freeland, M

Slater, C

Tso, D

Begay, K

Halona, P

Smith

Tso, E

Begay, P

Henio, J

Stewart, W

Walker, T

Brown

James, V

Tso

Wauneka, E

Charles-Newton

Nez, R

Tso, C

Yellowhair

Crotty

**Nay : 0**

**Excused : 0**

**Not Voting : 2**

Daniels

Yazzie

**Presiding Speaker: Damon**