

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0140-20

**DATE:** June 22, 2020

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; PROCLAIMING THIRD WEEK IN JUNE AS DINÉ PRIDE WEEK ON A RECURRING ANNUAL BASIS

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this legislation is to proclaim the third week in June as Diné Pride Week on a recurring annual basis.

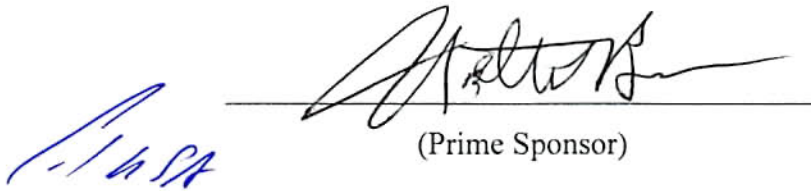
This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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Naabik'iyáti' Committee  
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2020

INTRODUCED BY

  
(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION

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ANNUAL BASIS

BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Navajo Nation Council, is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).
- B. The Navajo Nation Council established the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and empowered the Health, Education and Human Services Committee to review and recommend resolutions relating to social services, health, environmental health, education, veterans and veterans' services, employment and labor. 2 N.N.C. § 400(A); 2 N.N.C. § 401(B).
- C. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. Legislation that requires final action by

the Navajo Nation Council shall be presented to the Naabik'íyáti'' Committee. 2  
N.N.C. § 700 (A); 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(9).

## SECTION 2. FINDINGS

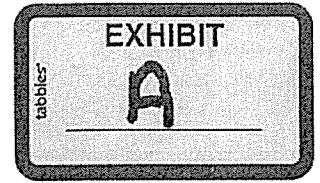
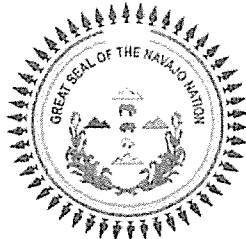
- A. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council issued a Diné Pride Week Proclamation designated for the week of June 22, 2020 through June 28, 2020. Diné Pride Week Proclamation attached as **Exhibit A**.
- B. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation states that "President William J. Clinton proclaimed June 2000 as Gay and Lesbian Month and President Barack H. Obama proclaimed June 2016 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month to acknowledge the importance of respect and fair treatment for all people[.]"
- C. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation states that "the Navajo Nation recognizes that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit people (LGBTQ+) are important to our livelihood and diversity since time immemorial[.]"
- D. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states that "the Navajo Nation will continue to protect its citizens from discrimination based on age, race, disability, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, language, national origin, physical and mental ability, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status and other characteristics that make our citizens unique under the law[.]"
- E. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states that "the Navajo Nation is committed to fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of inclusion, fairness and equality[.]"
- F. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states that "lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit people (LGBTQ+) are ni'hookáá' diyin diné'é bíla' ashdlá'ii, who are five-fingered, earth-surface holy people who are sacred[.]"
- G. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states "the Navajo Nation stands behind LGBTQ+ members and will continue to uplift all people, both young and long-lived, in their pursuit of basic civil and human rights[.]"

1 H. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states “the Navajo Nation shall honor  
2 the diverse identities among the Navajo People, who are worthy of love, respect, and  
3 fairness under the Law[.]”

4 I. Due to the importance of the reasons listed above, the Navajo Nation acknowledges  
5 the need to recognize the third week of June as Dine Pride Week on a recurring annual  
6 basis.

7 **SECTION 3. PROCLAMING THE THIRD WEEK IN JUNE AS DINÉ PRIDE**  
8 **WEEK ON A RECURRING ANNUAL BASIS**

9 The Navajo Nation hereby proclaims the third week in June as Diné Pride Week on a  
10 recurring annual basis.



*The Great Navajo Nation*

# *Proclamation*

## *Diné Pride Week*

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation recognizes that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and two-spirit people (LGBTQ+) are important to our livelihood and diversity since time immemorial;

**WHEREAS**, President William J. Clinton proclaimed June 2000 as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month and President Barack H. Obama proclaimed June 2016 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month to acknowledge the importance of respect and fair treatment for all people;

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation will continue to protect its citizens from discrimination based on age, race, disability, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, language, national origin, physical and mental ability, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status and other characteristics that make our citizens unique under the law;

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation is committed to fostering, cultivating and preserving a culture of inclusion, fairness and equality;

**WHEREAS**, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and two-spirit people are *ní'hookáá' diyin dine'é bíla' ashdlá'íi*, who are five-fingered earth-surface holy people that are sacred;

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation stands behind LGBTQ+ members and will continue to uplift all people, both young and long-lived, in their pursuit of basic civil and human rights;

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Nation shall honor the diverse identities among the Navajo People, who are worthy of love, respect, and fairness under the law;

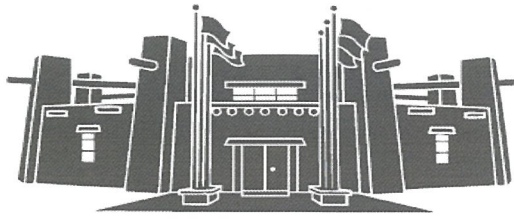
**WHEREAS**, the community-driven Diné Equality and Diné Pride organizations continue to promote the interests of all Indigenous LGBTQ+ peoples throughout the country;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SETH DAMON**, Speaker of the Great Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim June 22-28, 2020 as **Diné Pride Week** throughout the Navajo Nation upon approval of the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee and the 24th Navajo Nation Council.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 2020

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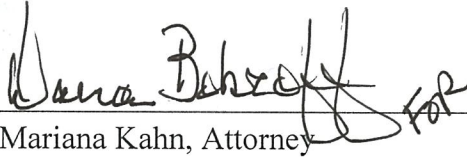
SPEAKER



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Nathaniel Brown  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

FROM:

  
Mariana Kahn, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: June 22, 2020

SUBJECT: PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; PROCLAIMING THIRD WEEK IN JUNE AS DINÉ PRIDE WEEK ON A RECURRING ANNUAL BASIS

I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction. If you have any questions regarding this legislation, call or come into the Office of Legislative Counsel to discuss the matter with me.



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SPONSOR: Nathaniel Brown

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