

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0119-20

DATE: May 6, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CANCELLING THE NAVAJO NATION FAIR, THE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION, THE NORTHERN NAVAJO NATION FAIR, AND ALL THE OTHER FAIRS, RODEOS AND ROPINGS HELD ON THE NAVAJO NATION DURING 2020

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to cancel the Fourth of July Celebration, the Navajo Nation Fair, the Kayenta 4th of July Rodeo, Eastern Navajo Fair, the Ramah Navajo Fair and Rodeo, Naatsis'áán E'eaniih Day Celebration, Southwest Navajo Fair and Rodeo, Central Agency Fair, Utah Navajo Fair and Rodeo, Northern Navajo Fair, Alamo Indian Days, the Western Navajo Fair, and any other fairs, rodeos and roping events that would ordinarily be held on the Navajo Nation during 2020. The need to cancel these events is because of the Public Declaration of Health Emergency due to the COVID-19 virus. The fairs, rodeos and roping events are large gatherings of people and could expose large numbers of people to COVID-19.

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


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AN ACTION

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CELEBRATION, THE NORTHERN NAVAJO NATION FAIR, AND ALL THE
OTHER FAIRS, RODEOS AND ROPINGS HELD ON THE NAVAJO NATION
DURING 2020

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Authority

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing of body of the Navajo Nation. 2
N.N.C. § 102(A).
- B. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo
Nation Council standing committee. Proposed resolutions requiring the final
authority of the Navajo Nation Council are to be assigned to the Naabik'iyáti'
Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) (9).

1 C. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee is a Navajo Nation
2 Council standing committee established to review and make recommendations
3 regarding health. 2 N.N.C. § 401 (B) (6) (a).

4 D. The Resources and Development Committee is the oversight committee of the
5 Navajo Department of Agriculture which plans and puts on the Fourth of July
6 Celebration and the Navajo Nation Fair, RDCJY-032-19; and the Resources and
7 Development Committee, through RDCAU-81-12, by amending the Northern
8 Navajo Fair Board Plan of Operation, “establish[ed], creat[ed], and confirm[ed]
9 the existence of the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Board ... as an entity of the
10 Navajo Nation and the Northern Navajo Nation Agency Council.”
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12 **Section Two. Findings**

13 A. The Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management, with the
14 concurrence of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation, approved
15 Resolution CEM-20-03-11, “Declaring a Public Health State of Emergency for
16 the Navajo Nation due to the Confirmation of the Coronavirus Disease
17 (“COVID-19”) in Regional Areas Surrounding the Navajo Nation,” dated March
18 11, 2020.

19 B. The Navajo Nation President issued Executive Order 003-20 on April 21, 2020
20 extending the Declaration of a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 virus
21 on the Navajo Nation and extending the closure of Navajo Nation government
22 offices and related entities.

23 C. The Navajo Nation has taken strong, proactive measures to reduce the spread of
24 COVID-19 including issuing stay at home orders as well as implementing
25 evening and weekend curfews. Public Health Emergency Orders No. 2020-003
26 (issuing a Stay at Home order) and 2020-004 (extending the Stay at Home order
27 and implementing a curfew).

28 D. Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-004 also stated that “[a]ll indoor and
29 outdoor public gatherings are limited to no more than 5 people[.]
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- 1 E. "The Navajo Department of Health recognized that "[e]very individual has a
2 responsibility to themselves, to their families and relatives, and to their
3 communities to act in accordance with this Public Health Emergency Order No.
4 2020-004." See Public Health Emergency Order 2020-004, Paragraph VII.
- 5 F. The Navajo Department of Health extended the weekend curfew in effect on the
6 Navajo Nation and ordered the closure of certain essential businesses on the
7 Navajo Nation. See Public Health Emergency Order Nos. 2020-005, 2020-006,
8 and 2020-008.
- 9 G. The Fourth of July Celebration which takes place during and around July Fourth
10 of each year and the Navajo Nation Fair held in September both take place in
11 Window Rock, Arizona and both have high attendance over multiple days.
- 12 H. There are other Navajo fairs including the Kayenta 4th of July Rodeo, Eastern
13 Navajo Fair (Crownpoint) held in July, the Ramah Navajo Fair and Rodeo (Pine
14 Hill) held in August, Naatsis'áán E'eaniih Day Celebration (Navajo Mountain)
15 held in August, Southwest Navajo Fair and Rodeo (Dilkon) held in August,
16 Central Agency Fair (Chinle) held in August, Utah Navajo Fair and Rodeo
17 (Bluff) held in September, Northern Navajo Fair (Shiprock) held in October,
18 Alamo Indian Days held in October, and the Western Navajo Fair (Tuba City)
19 held in October.
- 20 I. There are also numerous smaller rodeos and roping events that would ordinarily
21 be held on the Navajo Nation during the spring, summer and fall of 2020.
- 22 J. Large numbers of the Navajo population attend these fairs, rodeos and roping
23 events.
- 24 K. The Navajo Nation Council finds that due to the highly contagious nature of
25 COVID-19, Dikos Ntsaaígíí Náhást'éíts'áadah, and the need to prevent spread
26 of the virus and to protect our Navajo people from being infected by this virus,
27 it is necessary to cancel all the fairs, rodeos and roping events that would
28 ordinarily held on the Navajo Nation during 2020.
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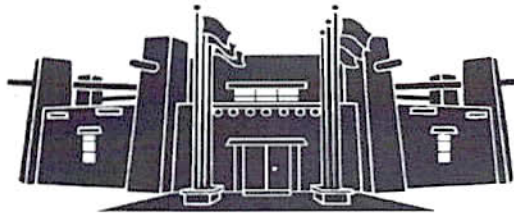
1 **Section Three. Cancelling all fairs, rodeos and roping events that would**
2 **ordinarily be held on the Navajo Nation in 2020**

3 The Navajo Nation hereby cancels the Fourth of July Celebration, the Navajo
4 Nation Fair, the Kayenta 4th of July Rodeo, Eastern Navajo Fair, the Ramah
5 Navajo Fair and Rodeo, Naatsis'áán E'eaniih Day Celebration, Southwest
6 Navajo Fair and Rodeo, Central Agency Fair, Utah Navajo Fair and Rodeo,
7 Northern Navajo Fair, Alamo Indian Days, the Western Navajo Fair, and any
8 other fairs, rodeos and roping events that would ordinarily be held on the Navajo
9 Nation during 2020.

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11 **Section Four. Effective Date**

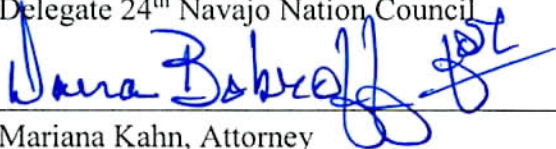
12 A. The provisions of this Action shall become effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221
13 (B).

14 B. The provisions of this Action shall expire when Resolution CEM-20-03-11,
15 “Declaring a Public Health State of Emergency for the Navajo Nation due to the
16 Confirmation of the Coronavirus Disease (“COVID-19”) in Regional Areas
17 Surrounding the Navajo Nation,” dated March 11, 2020, is lifted or rescinded or
18 until otherwise determined by resolution of the Navajo Nation Council.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton
Delegate 24th Navajo Nation Council

FROM: 
Mariana Kahn, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: May 6, 2020

SUBJECT: PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION; AN ACTION
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I have prepared the above-referenced proposed pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. 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. Please ensure that his particular resolution request is precisely what you want.

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).

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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
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SPONSOR: Eugenia Charles-Newton

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Date posted: May 14, 2020 at 6:58PM

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Posted: May 14, 2020 at 6:58 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: May 19, 2020

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Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inconclusive Comments	1) Tonya June Rafael 2) Marjorie Lantana 3) Kimberly Yazzie



Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

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8:29AM

Date/Time

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Constences L. Silversmith

Fri 5/15/2020 1:16 AM

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

I am in agreement to cancel all NN fairs for the 2020 season.
It is much too soon for mass gatherings. Especially with no cure or vaccine for the COVID19.

Constences L. Silversmith, Sr. Office Specialist
Water Management Branch
Navajo Nation Water Resources Department
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clsilversmith@navajo-nsn.gov

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Sharon Becenti <sl.becenti55@gmail.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 8:26 AM

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

Dear sir/madam,

I hope this email finds you well and healthy. I am righting this email in regards to;

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This the current health crisis this is an action that needs to be taken. I agree with your decision to consider cancelling all fairs. One aspect of this cancelation that I don't think the legislation addresses or considers is the 4H youth events that go along with a lot of these fairs. My daughter is a 4H leader with 11 Dine children in her club, each one of those children purchased market lambs for this year to show. These kids work hard on their projects every year, I believe council and the Navajo Nation should consider allowing the children to have show closed to the public with precautions in place. The meat could then be used as a resource for covid 19 relief efforts.

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Cancellation of Fairs & Rodeos

Kaitlyn Haven <kaitlyn_haven@yahoo.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 8:26 AM

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

To Navajo Nation Council,

I support this legislation to cancel all Navajo rodeo, roping, and fair events for this 2020 year. As a nursing student, soon-to-be nurse, breakaway roper, and former Navajo Nation Fair All Around Champion Cowgirl, I believe it is in the best interest of our community to cancel these events. As someone who has been competing in rodeos all my life, I know that rodeos are a big event within our community and very family-involved. It's a sport and a lifestyle and our people will support their own whenever possible. But they should not risk their lives in the process. In order for our people to thrive and to continue enjoying these events in years to come, we can forego one year of cancelled events for the good of our elders, children, and healthcare professionals.

Sincerely,
Kaitlyn Haven

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JT Akatii <jacothley23@gmail.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 8:26 AM

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

I agree with the legislation to cancel all fairs and rodeos for the safety of the community. I appreciate all that this administration has done for my community and I am grateful in the direction we as a Navajo Nation are headed in protecting our elders and children.
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Marchelle Luther <shellylu10@gmail.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 8:26 AM

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

I support the legislation 0119-20 to not continue the spread of COVID-19.

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Cancelling All Fairs & Associated Events

Dempsey Davis <entouch_93@yahoo.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 8:26 AM

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

Good Evening,

It appears at the state/national level, they have begun to allow businesses to open, but with social distancing rules. Unfortunately, there is no accountability of who will be enforcing the social distancing rules. Aforementioned may sound promising, but the Navajo Nation COVID-19 numbers tell a different story. I urge that we consider the well-being of the Navajo People across the Navajo Nation and cancel all fairs & associated events. At this point in time, there is no guarantee of this pandemic ending anytime soon. Flattening the curve doesn't mean the virus is gone. As a concert-goer, the entertainment entities have or are still considering cancelling all concert events until sometime in 2021. Until the United States Government can absolutely confirm the reducing virus rates with readily supplied medication, we should take every necessary precaution as a sovereignty nation to take-in the best interest of the Navajo People. Thank You for your time and understanding on this matter.

Dempsey Davis, BSW

ICADC/CADC/CADAC/SAP

Substance Abuse Counselor

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Legislation No. 0119-20 comment

Crystal Begay <cris.begay@gmail.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 8:26 AM

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

Hello, I'm submitting my comment for the Legislation No. 0119-20, I agree with the the proposal of cancelling all Navajo Fairs in 2020. Keeping our family, friends, elders and children safe is our main priority. Thanks for taking the time to read my comment, be safe and take care.

Crystal Begay

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Scylla Lewis <scylla.benally16@gmail.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 8:26 AM

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

My name is Scylla Benally from Kirtland, NM. I firmly believe that we should hold off on all major Navajo nation events until further notice.

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Crystal Morris <crystalomorris@gmail.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 8:26 AM

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

Please include Junior Rodeo associations that are prominent on NN. WJRA SWJRA and IJRA. For their safety of our children. I am a parent of a child who participates. It only makes sense. Thanks.

Crystal O. Morris

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s`h`a`r`e <skuydust@yahoo.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 8:26 AM

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

Hello, submitting my comment for this Legislation No. 0119-20 for canceling NN fair.

I believe the nation should cancel all 2020 Navajo Nation Fairs this year to save lives. We only get one life to live so its better we take care of ourselves now and limiting our outings. We can always have the Fairs in the future, right now let people stay home. Thank you for taking the time to read my comments. Take care and be safe.

Cherilyn Sheppard.

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Rodina Jordan-Dahozy <rodinajordan@gmail.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 8:26 AM

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

I support this legislation in respect of the Diné relatives we lost to COVID-19.

The lives of our Diné people are far more valuable than any economic profit these tribal fairs provide. It is important that we put our Diné people first during this pandemic. We have not gotten through the first wave yet. We have two more waves to go before we can safely continue life prior to COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Rodina Jordan-Dahozy

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Rodina Jordan

rodinajordan@gmail.com

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4-H livestock projects

Rochelle Hubbell <rochellehubbell@gmail.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 8:26 AM

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

Greetings!

I was not surprised of the cancellation of all Navajo tribal fairs. In fact, I fully support this legislation for the safety of our community. Therefore, thank you!

An immediate concern I have is as a 4-H leader I have 7 4-H member who have invested in livestock before the outbreak of COVID. Tribal fairs were opportunities where my members showcased their homegrown livestock and were rewarded for their hard work. Two major shows we look forward to is the Navajo Nation Fair and Northern Navajo Fair. Not only were these opportunities to showcase their project but the opportunity to sell their project to make money back plus profit that goes into a college and money to purchase next years projects and supplies.

Currently I have 7 members who have 10 lambs and 2 steers who well fed and properly cared for. We have invested in over \$15,000 for these animals and now, for them, it's money lost for their college fund. So I ask, how can economic develop help these kids? My daughter is heart broken but I explain to her that her life as well as others are precious and we don't need to any lives at risk. Her next question "what about the money I invested? How will I get that back plus some?" My heart breaks for her.

Please, can you come up with a plan to purchase Navajo beef, Navajo Lamb from kids who work unbelievably hard.

Thank you, 🌸

Rochelle Spencer 👑

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Response to Cancellation of Fairs

Tina MS <n8tvobrn@gmail.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 8:26 AM

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

I support this decision 100%. The lives of our elders, families & friends is far more important.

Thank you for this decision. Thank you to those in the NN governing capacities making decisions for the well being of the people and for living up to the promises to put the people before anything else.

I am especially grateful to our NN President for showing true leadership, genuine care and concern for the people he serves. I also appreciate his visibility, participation, communication and tireless efforts.

Thank you,

Tina Morgan Scharp RN

Diné Registered Nurse living in the Pueblo of Zuni

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Desirae Capitan <capi10_chick@yahoo.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 8:26 AM

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

I support the legislation of canceling the fairs on the Navajo Nation. These are usually huge gatherings here & this could definitely be life threatening to many Navajo people.

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Angel Kelly <angelr.kelly@icloud.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 8:27 AM

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

I support this legislation in support of the lives lost during COVID-19.

Angel Kelly
-Fort Defiance Chapter

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Lacey Salabye <laceysalabye@gmail.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 8:30 AM

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

Good Morning,

My name is Lacey Salabye. I am the 4H leader for Tuff Enuff 4H Club. I, along with other leaders across the Navajo Nation, have youth who have purchased market lambs, steers and swine for this years Navajo Nation Fair.

Now, I agree that the Fairs should be cancelled and there should not be any public events held.

One the other hand, this legislation is not addressing a part of the fair that may not seem like anything to you but is a huge to the 4H/FFA youth. Other states and counties across the Nation are finding ways to allow their youth to show their livestock and sell them. These kids have worked hard on these projects and invested a lot of time and money into their projects. These projects are allowing for our youth to stay occupied and distracted during this crisis.

A show could be arranged in late September with precautions in place to protect everyone. This show would be closed to the public, the participants would be spaced out in the arena for safety, classes wouldnt be larger than 5 animals at a time. This event could happen safely. The meat from the market animals could be utilized to help covid 19 relief efforts for the Navajo Nation. I am asking that you consider this, we need to help our youth see light at the end of the tunnel.

Thank you please stay healthy and safe.

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Joye Kihega <carolinablue1997@yahoo.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 12:36 PM

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

I support this legislation in respect for the lives we lost to Covid-19 and their families.

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Re Legislation 0119-20

Jaron J Kee <jkee03@salud.unm.edu>

Fri 5/15/2020 1:51 PM

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

Ya'at'hey Shínántaí and hello tribal leaders,

I hope this letter finds you well despite current conditions. Dóó, Ahee'hee for taking the time to read my response to Legislation 0119-20. My name is Jaron Kee, MD and I'm originally from Crystal, NM. I am currently a resident physician in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of New Mexico Hospitals. This letter is not a reflection of UNMH nor my department, but beliefs that are solely to be my own.

Given the tremendous and unfortunate toll COVID-19 has had across our tribal lands and the virus' continued effects, I ask that Legislation 0119-20 be passed. This legislation at its core, is a public health measure to limit continued spread of COVID-19 and promote social distancing measures that are direly needed. Legislation 0119-20 also gives many tribal members the space needed to honor the lives, families, and communities devastated by this pandemic.

Please never hesitate to reach me regarding further comment in Diné/English. I am wholeheartedly invested in the health of our Nabahó.

Ná'ahee'hee/Thank you again for taking the time to read my support of Legislation 0119-20,

Jaron Kee, M.D.
House Officer - PGY1
UNM School of Medicine
Department of Family & Community Medicine
Navajo Tribal Member – Crystal, NM
Mud clan, born for the One Who Walks Around

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Alisha Murphy <alishamurphy00@gmail.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 1:51 PM

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

I think this is the most important legislation for your Navajo people at this time. Thank you!

Out of love and protection for our elders and immune-compromised, the fairs, and rodeo events can wait until our Nation is safe from the horrible threat of Covid-19 that has spread so rapidly.

Fairs are not the only way to celebrate our great Navajo Nation. We can all celebrate by helping one another, by staying home and reconnecting to our indigenous ways of resiliency and survival.

Rodeo events are not essential. My family and community are rodeo people, but it is too risky to host events. A rodeo would put both people and animals at risk. Everything that has to happen for a rodeo event to set up would require people to leave their homes and we are all trying to encourage people to stay home. If a rodeo is allowed, who is going to prevent spectators to venture out? Our Navajo Nation Police force is already limited and over-worked.

The limited resources on Navajo Nation are needed elsewhere, not at a fair or rodeo.

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Pauletta <pauletta09@yahoo.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 3:27 PM

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

In addition to cancelling the Navajo Nation Fair, 4th of July Celebration and all other fairs and rodeos we also need to include the following:

1. Pow-Wows
2. Song and Dances
3. all dances
4. 'Just Move It' events
5. Motorcycle rallies
6. Summer traditional ceremonies with large gatherings- Kinaaldaas, Ndaa's, etc.
7. 4H activities
8. Bingos
9. sporting events- basketball tournaments, baseball tournaments, etc.
10. Casinos

This legislation should not be focused just on rodeos and fairs. It needs to be inclusive to all gathering of >5 individuals.

Pauletta Haven

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Triston Black <tristonblack@outlook.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 4:48 PM

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

Yá'át'ééh nihinaat'áanii,

We all hope and pray you are staying safe and protected.

I also am in SUPPORT of the Legislation 0119-20. Send a strong message that our Navajo Nation will be safe and protected.

Ahéhee'

Triston Black

Diné College Student

B.A. Diné Studies Major

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Percy Deal <deal.percy@gmail.com>

Fri 5/15/2020 6:48 PM

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honorable Council Delegates. Please accept my comments on Legislation 0119-20 as follows:

- First, I want to thank Delegate Charles-Newton and the joining sponsors for introducing Legislation 0119-20 which will for year 2020 cancel all tribal fairs, radios and other large gathering events due to fear of further spreading of coronavirus. The Navajo Nation must do all things possible and appropriate (popular or unpopular) to stop the spreading of this deadly virus. The one reasons the virus is out of control is the gathering of people large or small for various events at home and elsewhere.

Additional Amendments:

- I like to request the legislation also include cancellations of all School Board conferences and conventions for 2020 for the same reason to avoid spreading and avoid bringing home the virus.
- I like to request the legislation also include all persons testing positive be confined to a facilities rather then being send home with the instruction to isolate themselves from others including their family. The instruction is not working, patients are still out in public spreading the virus and their disregard of instruction is another leading causes for continued increases.

I just learn the Navajo Nation has surpassed New York and now have the highest per capita rate of positive coronavirus cases in the country, this is not the way to be in the Nation eye. Your help and your bold decisions are now absolutely necessary to reverse the curve.

Thank you, Percy Deal, Big Mountain. Cell # 928-205-7332, email: deal.percy@gmail.com

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Comments concerning LEGISLATION NO: _0119-20__

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Sun 5/17/2020 4:28 AM

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Greetings:

I am writing in support of cancelling all fairs Scheduled in 2020 on the Navajo Nation to protect the public health. It is no ordinary times.

Thank you.

Dorothy Redhorse

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Comment - Legislation No: 0119-20

Ophelia R. Begay

Mon 5/18/2020 10:20 PM

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

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Ya'at'eeh Shi Naat'aanii,

My Name is Ophelia Begay, I am a Corrections Lieutenant at the Window Rock District Department of Corrections, working for the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety for 31 years. Maiideeshgiizhii Nishli, Todich'ii'nii Bashishchiin, Tab'aaha Dashichei TI'aashchi'i Dashinali originally from Wheatfields, Arizona.

I would like to share my comment with my leaders, during this comment period on Legislation No: 0119-20. I greatly feel there is a need to cancel all Fairs throughout the Navajo Nation for this year 2020 due to the current uncontrollable virus that came upon the Navajo Nation. As of today there are still more cases being reported.

As a Corrections Lieutenant I have always collected data of an special assignments that we work in the Window Rock District. Each year there are two fairs that happen in Window Rock, Arizona. Here is the data on calls for services with the Window Rock Police Department and individuals that were arrested and booked into the Window Rock District Department of Corrections the past three years.

Navajo Division of Public Safety			
Navajo Nation 4th of July Celebration			
Year	2017	2018	2019
Calls for Services	940	958	1,402
Arrested & Booked	316	229	260

Navajo Nation Fair			
Year	2017	2018	2019
Calls for Services	1,304	1,909	1,978
Arrested & Booked	545	453	393

The data above shows how busy we are, during the two annual fairs that occur in Window Rock, Arizona. This becomes a concern, the numbers are too high, this only shows that we don't enjoy the fairs to have a good time with family and friends. There are too many violation that occur during this time. Public Intoxication is the highest among the counts, followed by Driving Drunk and in third is Domestic Violence: threatening, assaults, and battery on family members.

It's just like not taking this virus seriously. We have Public Health Emergency Orders, Executive Orders for Curfew, Shelter in Place, yet our people are still out during curfew, leaving home for non-emergency travel. It's really upsetting and stressful when I see the numbers of COVID cases going up, it's because we have people that disrespects the orders that are in place.

With the recommendation of CDC to wash your hands frequently, cleaning and disinfecting most touched surfaces and keep social distancing. During fair time, the recommendation provided by CDC will be impossible. We are trying to prevent the spread of the virus. As it is the fair ground facilities are run down, need upgrade to comply with the CDC recommendation to prevent the spread of the virus. If the fairs go as scheduled we will not be able to contain this virus.

As a frontline employee I face many challenges during this pandemic with short of personnel (have 11 vacant position, but no funds to hire), not enough Personnel Protective Equipment for staff, most of all the Window Rock Jail Facility is only on a temporary hold and cannot hold the arrestees we get during the fair time.

Therefore, to all my leaders please take my comments and cancel all the fairs on the Navajo Nation so that we all can be safe!

God Bless all frontline personnel, staff, coworkers, doctors, nurse, our leaders and all those who are assisting in any way during this pandemic.

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Fairs, Powwows and Rodeos

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Fri 5/15/2020 8:26 AM

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Navajo Nation Fair, Shiprock Fair, Tuba City Fair.. and all should be cancelled this year. 
I don't think it needs a legislation, it should be an automatic decision to cancel all 2020 Navajo fairs and rodeos. The Covid-19 pandemic is still among us.

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Re: Navajo Nation Fair Cancellation

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Good evening 4-H Leaders, 4-H parents, staff and Honorable Council Delegates;

The attached Legislation proposes to cancel 2020 NN Fair due to the COVID19 is clear and understood. But we would like to see our 24 NN Council Delegates to support and implement a plan for our 4-H Youth to do online or video 4-H show and sales this year because mostly all the 4-H members had started their 4-H projects in November 2019. And they are busy raising their 4-H animals and keeping themselves occupied and learning their responsibility while they are home during this crisis. I like to see some type of incentive or plans for all 4-H members for their projects this year. It can't be just the end of their projects. Perhaps the Navajo Nation get innovative to do video 4-H Show and Sales this year. I hear about the expansion of Internet services (NTUA CHOICE) on the Navajo Nation that could be utilized for this online services. I could go on and on it's getting late.

Let's all submit our comment by this timeline to voice our concerns for our 4-H youth. They are our future leaders and lets keep them in AG life.

Thank you

Marge Lantana, 4-H grandma
NMBC

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The 4H&FFA Youth of the Navajo Nation during Pandemic

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Greetings 4H members/parents/leaders, NNDA, DNR, honorable council delegates and staff,

The Navajo Nation legislation number 0119-20 in regards to canceling all fairs on the Navajo Nation has been received with great respect.

I am reaching out to you as an agriculturalist, 4H Leader, 4H Mom and marketing specialist. During these trying times of uncertainty the entire country has taken a setback including our Agriculture Markets a hit at all levels: The producer, transportation, our harvesting facilities, processor units, distribution and our center of the plate customers. In regards to say, without Agriculture, we'd be naked, hungry and afraid.

Through programs like the 4-H & FFA Organizations we are able to innovate rich educational content and curriculum, resources in cutting-edge technology, insight into the latest national issues and innovative thought-leadership.

Furthermore, our 4H kids have taken on a role to commit, responsibility to raise quality livestock of all class species as early as the fall of 2019.

To embrace these times of hardship, create awareness and also teach our 4H kids, quarantine has taught them life skills:

1. When you face a road block, figure another way around it
2. To improve, you must identify where you fall short
3. Success means more when you achieve it together
4. It's not about you all the time

All to say, the memories and lessons learned in the barn don't fade. Quarantine certainly reminded each of us not to take anything for granted.

Keep striving, we are resilient and we will get through this!

On behalf of the Navajo Nation Cooperative Youth 4H & FFA Extension Programs, we(4H&FFA) are requesting and proposing that we can do a virtual livestock show and sale in order to mitigate disease spread, utilizing social media and/or website platforms. Of course, this would be set up by a committee

that works with the youth already. U of A extension has already worked with kids on this in other counties across Arizona.

Any assistance and guidance to assist our future leaders during this COV-19 Virus pandemic be greatly appreciated.

Please keep in mind these animals will be quality ready for the center of the plate come September, ready for harvest.

We greatly appreciate your time and efforts.

We believe in Agriculture,

Thank you,

Kimberly Yazzie

4-H Leader

"The Show Must Go On!"

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