

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council---Second Year 2016**

**AN ACTION  
RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; AMENDING RDCMY-21-15  
WHICH ESTABLISHED THE TITLE 26 TASK FORCE TO EXTEND THE  
EXISTENCE OF THE TASK FORCE FROM 90 DAYS TO THE END OF NOVEMBER  
2016 OR UNTIL THE TASK IS COMPLETED**

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

The Resources and Development Committee has the authority to grant final approval of resolutions to develop and improve Local Governance Units and has oversight authority over Chapters. See 2 N.N.C. § 501 (b) (2) (c); See also 2 N.N.C. § 501 (C) (1).

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

A. The Resources and Development Committee met with the Division of Community Development and Administrative Service Centers and discussed issues and concerns pertaining to Title 26 during a recent work session.

B. Pursuant to those discussions, it is necessary to review Title 26 for possible amendments to improve the overall process as it pertains to Chapter functioning and management.

C. The Resources and Development Committee, through RDCMY-21-15 created the Task Force and indicated that the Task Force was to function for 90 days. See Exhibit A (RDCMY 21-15).

D. Previously, the Task Force has requested for additional days that were approved by Resolution RDCS-64-15 (90 days to 210 days) and RDCD-94-15 (90 days to 300 days); the Task force needed additional time to complete its work to finalize the voluminous record and document review to complete the Task Force's work. See Exhibit B (RDCS-64-15); See also Exhibit C (RDCD-94-15).

E. The Resources and Development Committee finds it in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to allow the Task Force to operate until the end of November 2016 or sooner if the task is complete.

### SECTION THREE. AMENDMENT

The Resources and Development Committee amends Section Four of the RDCMY-21-15 by increasing the number of days for Title 26 Task Force to complete its work from 90 days to be completed until the end of November 2016 or until the task is complete.

### SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVES

A. The Task Force shall provide to the Resources and Development Committee a written report and proposed draft of Title 26.

B. The Speaker's Chief of Staff shall assign one staff assistant to assist the Title 26 Task Force with completing the report.

C. Navajo Nation Division and Departments shall give recognition to the Task Force and allow its employees to carry out the Task Force's work as described herein.

D. The Title 26 Task Force will present a complete update report to the resources and Development committee on April 26, 2016 or earlier.

E. The Title 26 Task Force will present an updated report to the Naabik'iyati' Committee before the 2016 Navajo Nation Council Spring Session.

### SECTION FIVE. RECOMMENDATION

A. The Navajo Commission on Government Development is encouraged to present recommendations and comments on the work of the Title 26 Task Force to the Naabik'iyati Committee in June 2016.

B. The Navajo Nation President and Vice-President will be invited to a Naabik'iyati Committee meeting to provide recommendations and comments on the work of the Title 26 Task Force.

**CERTIFICATION**

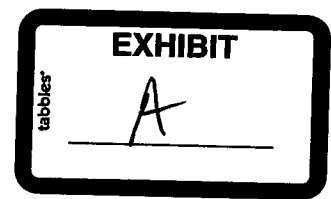
I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Leupp Chapter, (Navajo Nation) Leupp, Arizona, at which quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstained this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.



Walter Phelps, Pro Tem Chairperson  
Resources and Development Committee  
Of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

**Motion:** Honorable Walter Phelps  
**Second:** Honorable Benjamin Bennett

**NOTE:** Chairman Alton Joe Shepherd requested to be excused to attend another meeting and appointed Honorable Walter Phelps, who held the main motion, as the Pro Temp Chairperson for the duration of the meeting.



RDCMY-21-15

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
OF THE 23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL --- FIRST YEAR, 2015**

**AN ACTION**

**RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE  
TO REVIEW TITLE 26 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE AND RECOMMEND  
APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY AMENDMENTS**

**BE IT ENACTED:**

**Section One. Findings**

- A. The Resources and Development Committee has the authority to grant final approval of resolutions to develop and improve Local Governance Units and has oversight authority over Chapters. 2 N.N.C. \$501(B) (2) (c); 2 N.N.C. \$501(C) (1).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee met with the Division of Community Development and Administrative Service Centers and discussed issues and concerns pertaining to Title 26 during a recent work session.
- C. Pursuant to those discussions, it is necessary to review Title 26 for possible amendments to improve the overall process as pertains to Chapter functioning and Management.

**Section Two. Task Force Establishment; purposes; membership**

A Task Force for purposes of:

- 1. A mechanism of establishing accountability at the Chapter level through recommendations for changes in Title 26;
- 2. To explore ways to amend Title 26 so that Chapters may become locally empowered;

3. To work towards establishing policies and possible Title 26 amendments to streamline the Five Management Plan System;

B. The Task Force membership; meetings

1. The Task Force shall consist of the named Navajo Nation employee or designee:
  - i. Shirleen Jumbo-Rintila, Legislative Associate, Division of Community Development;
  - ii. Robert Begay, Department Director, DCD-Administrative Service Centers;
  - iii. Raymond Tsosie, Senior Planner, Division of Community Development;
  - iv. Robert Jumbo, Associate Auditor, Office of the Auditor General;
  - v. Michael Halona, Department Director, Navajo Nation Land Department;
  - vi. Reycita Toddy, Department of Personnel
  - vii. Dominic Beyal, Director, Office of Management and Budget;
  - viii. Rodger Martinez, Director, Navajo Nation Retirement Services;
  - ix. Clarence Chee, Division of Community Development;
  - x. Leonard Benally, Director, Navajo Office of Vital Records;
  - xi. Martin Ashley, Director, Navajo Nation Tax Commission;
  - xii. Vernon Roanhorse, Director, Office of Ethics and Rules; and

xiii. Rodgerick Begay, Esq., Navajo Nation  
Department of Justice

2. The Task Force shall meet biweekly.
3. Rules governing meetings, including selection of a Chairperson shall be determined by the Task Force. Provided every member of the Task Force shall be allowed to participate, debate and vote on all matters.

#### Section Three. Reimbursement

The members of the Task Force, for its meeting attendance and in fulfilling its delegated functions, shall be compensated (where permitted by law, rule or regulation) and reimbursed for expenses ~~from~~ the respective programs they are employed with.

#### Section Four. Directives

A. The Task Force shall provide to the Resources and Development Committee a written report and proposed draft of Title 26 no later than 90 days after the establishment of the Task Force.

B. The Speaker's Chief of Staff shall assign one staff assistant to assist the Title 26 Task Force with completing the report.

#### Section Five. Approval

The Navajo Nation Council's Resources and Development Committee hereby authorizes the creation of a Task Force to develop, recommend appropriate and necessary amendments to Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Navajo Nation Department of Transportation Conference Room, Tse Bonito, Navajo Nation (New Mexico), at which quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain this 20th day of May, 2015.



Benjamin Bennett, Vice-Chairperson  
Resources and Development Committee  
Of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Davis Filfred  
Second: Honorable Leonard Pete  
Vote: 4-0 (Vice- Chairman Not Voting)

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RESOLUTION OF THE  
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council---First Year 2015

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; AMENDING RDCMY-21-15  
WHICH ESTABLISHED THE TITLE 26 TASK FORCE TO EXTEND THE  
EXISTENCE OF THE TASK FORCE FROM 90 DAYS TO 210 DAYS

Section One. Findings

- A. The Resources and Development Committee has the authority to grant final approval of resolutions to develop and improve Local Governance Units and has oversight authority over Chapters. 2 N.N.C. § 501(B)(2)(c); 2 N.N.C. § 501(C)(1).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee met with the Division of Community Development and Administrative Service Centers and discussed issues and concerns pertaining to Title 26 during a recent work session.
- C. Pursuant to those discussions, the Resources and Development Committee determined it necessary to review Title 26 for possible amendments to improve the overall process as pertains to Chapter functioning and management.
- D. The Resources and Development Committee, through RDCMY-21-15, established the Title 26 Task Force to address review of the Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code.
- E. RDCMY-21-15 created the Title 26 Task Force and stated that the Task Force was to function for 90 days. The Resources and Development Committee heard a report from the Chairperson of the Title 26 Task Force on August 11,



2015 and the Committee decided that the Task Force needed 120 additional days to complete its task.

- F. The Resources and Development Committee finds it in the best interest of the Navajo Nation for the Title 26 Task Force to complete its task within 210 days from the date it was created by RDCMY-21-15.

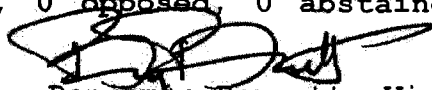
**Section Two.** The Resources and Development Committee amends Section Four of RDCMY-21-15 by increasing the number of days for the Title 26 Task Force to complete its work from 90 days to 210 days. The amendment to RDCMY-21-15 is made as written below:

**Section Four. Directives**

- A. The Task Force shall provide to the Resources and Development Committee a written report and proposed draft of Title 26 no later than ~~90~~ 210 days after the establishment of the Task Force.
- B. The Speaker's Chief of Staff shall assign one staff assistant to assist the Title 26 Task Force with completing the report.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Navajo Department of Transportation, Tse Bonito, Navajo Nation (New Mexico), at which quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained this 1st day of September, 2015



Benjamin Bennett, Vice- Chairperson  
Resources and Development Committee  
Of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Leonard Tsosie  
Second: Honorable Leonard Pete

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RESOLUTION OF THE  
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council---First Year 2015

AN ACTION  
RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; AMENDING RDCMY-21-15  
WHICH ESTABLISHED THE TITLE 26 TASK FORCE TO EXTEND THE  
EXISTENCE OF THE TASK FORCE FROM 210 DAYS TO 300 DAYS

Section One. Findings

A. The Resources and Development Committee has the authority to grant final approval of resolutions to develop and improve Local Governance Units and has oversight authority over Chapters. 2 N.N.C. § 501(B)(2)(c); 2 N.N.C. § 501(C)(1).

B. The Resources and Development Committee met with the Division of Community Development and Administrative Service Centers and discussed issues and concerns pertaining to Title 26 during a recent work session.

C. Pursuant to those discussions, the Resources and Development Committee determined it necessary to review Title 26 for possible amendments to improve the overall process as pertains to Chapter functioning and management.

D. The Title 26 Task Force has held a number of educational seminars on the purpose and plans of the Task Force, and the Title 26 Task Force continues its educational work.

E. The Resources and Development Committee, through RDCMY-21-15, established the Title 26 Task Force to address review of the Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code.

F. RDCMY-21-15 created the Title 26 Task Force and stated that the Task Force was to function for 90 days. The Resources and Development Committee heard a report from the Chairperson of the Title 26 Task Force on August 11, 2015 and the Committee decided that the Task Force needed 120 additional days to complete its task. See RDCE-64-15 attached as Exhibit A.

G. The additional 120 days, approved by Resolution RDCE-64-15, for the Title 26 Task Force to complete its work is not sufficient time to finalize the voluminous record and document review to complete the Task Force's work.

H. The Resources and Development Committee finds it in the best interest of the Navajo Nation for the Title 26 Task Force to complete its task within 300 days from the date it was created by RDCMY-21-15.

**Section Two.** The Resources and Development Committee amends Section Four of RDCMY-21-15 by increasing the number of days for the Title 26 Task Force to complete its work from 210 days to 300 days. The amendment to RDCMY-21-15 is made as written below:

**Section Four. Directives**

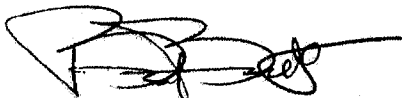
A. The Task Force shall provide to the Resources and Development Committee a written report and proposed draft of Title 26 no later than 300 days after the establishment of the Task Force.

B. The Speaker's Chief of Staff shall assign one staff assistant to assist the Title 26 Task Force with completing the report.

C. Navajo Nation Divisions or Departments shall give recognition to the Task Force and allow its employees to carry out the Task Force's work as described herein.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Tohajiilee Chapter, Tohajiilee, (Navajo Nation) New Mexico, at which quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained this 29th day of December, 2015.



Benjamin Bennett, Vice-Chairperson  
Resources and Development Committee  
Of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Davis Filfred  
Second: Honorable Leonard Pete