

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0079-23

**DATE:** April 12, 2023

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACT RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 403, MEETING DAY FOR THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this proposed resolution is to change the meeting day of the Health, Education and Human Services Committee from Wednesdays to Mondays by amending 2 NNC § 403.

**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.**

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: Johnson  
Website Posting Time/Date: 5:57 PM; 04-19-23  
Posting End Date: 04-24-23  
Eligible for Action: 04-25-23

Law & Order Committee  
Thence  
Health Education & Human Services Committee  
Thence  
Naabik'íyáti' Committee  
Thence  
Navajo Nation Council

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2023

3 INTRODUCED BY

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6 (Sponsor)

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8 0079-23

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11 AN ACT  
12 RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN  
13 SERVICES, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION  
14 COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 403, MEETING DAY FOR THE HEALTH,  
15 EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
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18 BE IT ENACTED:

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20 SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

- 21 A. The Law and Order Committee is empowered to review and make recommendations  
22 to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments and enactments to the Navajo  
23 Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. § 601(B)(14).  
24 B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the  
25 Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 400(A).  
26 C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee considers proposed resolutions that require final action  
27 by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).  
28 D. The Navajo Nation Council approves enactments and amendments of positive law. 2  
29 N.N.C. § 164(A).  
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1 **SECTION 2. FINDINGS**

2 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee currently meets on Wednesdays  
3 pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 403.

4 B. The members of the Health, Education and Human Services Committee wish to change  
5 the committee's regular meeting day from Wednesdays to Mondays for reasons of  
6 convenience and efficiency.

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8 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 2 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE**

9 The Navajo Nation hereby approves amendments to the Navajo Nation Code, Title 2,  
10 Section 403, as follows:

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13 **NAVAJO NATION CODE**  
14 **TITLE 2. NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT**  
15 **CHAPTER 3. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**  
16 **SUBCHAPTER 9. STANDING COMMITTEES**  
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18 Article 2. Health, Education, and Human Services Committee

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21 **§403. Meetings**

22 Except when the Navajo Nation Council is in session, all regular meetings of the Committee  
23 shall be held on Mondays ~~Wednesdays~~, except for the first Monday ~~Wednesday~~ of the month.

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26 **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE**

27 The amendments enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §221.  
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**SECTION 5. CODIFICATION**

The provisions of the Act 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 6. SAVING CLAUSE**

Should any portion of the amendment enacted herein be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Court of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those portions not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Vince James  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

FROM:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Lowell', written over a horizontal line.

Kristen A. Lowell, Principal Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: April 12, 2023

**SUBJECT: AN ACT RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 403, MEETING DAY FOR THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet 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 this particular resolution request is precisely what you want.** You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

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).

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.

THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: \_0079-23\_

SPONSOR: Vince R. James

**TITLE: An Act Relating to Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik'iyáti Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 403, Meeting Day for the Health, Education and Human Services Committee**

*Date posted:* April 19, 2023 at 5:57PM

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**THE NAVAJO NATION  
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**SPONSOR: Honorable Vince R. James**

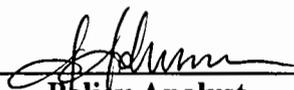
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**Posted: April 19, 2023 at 5:57 PM**

**5 DAY Comment Period Ended: April 24, 2022**

**Digital Comments received:**

<b>Comments Supporting</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Comments Opposing</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Comments/Recommendations</b>	<i>None</i>



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**Policy Analyst  
Office of Legislative Services**

**April 25, 2023; 8:00 AM**

**Date/Time**

**LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE  
25<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**FIRST YEAR 2023**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Speaker,

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

**Legislation No. 0079-23:** An Act Relating to Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik'iyati' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 403, Meeting Day for the Health, Education and Human Services Committee – Sponsor: Honorable Vince R. James

Has had it under consideration and reports a DO PASS with no amendment.

And thereafter the legislation was referred to Health, Education and Human Services Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman  
Law and Order Committee  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Date: May 08, 2023

Main Motion:

Motion : Honorable Steven Arviso

Second : Honorable Nathan Notah

Vote : 2-0-3

**LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE**

**Regular Meeting  
May 08, 2023**

**Legislation No. 0079-23:** An Act Relating to Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik'iyati' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 403, Meeting Day for the Health, Education and Human Services Committee – Sponsor: Honorable Vince R. James

**VOTE TALLY SHEET:**

**Main Motion:**

Motion: Honorable Steven Arviso

Second: Honorable Nathan Notah

Vote: 2-0-3

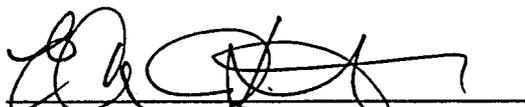
Yea: Hon. Steven Arviso/Hon. Nathan Notah

Nay: None

Not Voting: Hon. Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman

Excused: Hon. Herman M. Daniels, Jr./Hon. Cheryl Yazzie

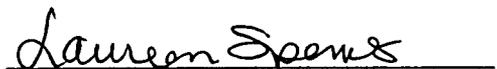
Absent: None



Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman

Law and Order Committee

25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council



Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor

Office of Legislative Services

**HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
25<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**FIRST YEAR 2023  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Madame Speaker,

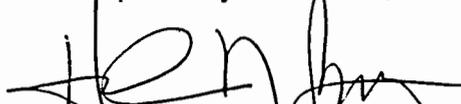
The **HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

**Legislation No. 0079-23:** An Act Relating to Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik'iyáti Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 403, Meeting Day for the Health, Education and Human Services Committee

**Sponsor:** Delegate Vince R. James

Has had it under consideration and reports a Do Pass with no amendment and thence refers the legislation to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Honorable Helena Nez Begay, Chair Pro-Tempore  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Date: May 10, 2023

Main Motion:

Motion: Honorable George Tolth

Second: Honorable Curtis Yanito

Vote: 5-0-1

**HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 10, 2023**

**Legislation No. 0079-23:** An Act Relating to Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik'iyáti Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 403, Meeting Day for the Health, Education and Human Services Committee

**Sponsor:** Delegate Vince R. James

**VOTE TALLY:**

**Main Motion:**

Motion: Honorable George Tolth  
Second: Honorable Curtis Yanito

Yea: Vince R. James; Andy Nez; Germaine Simonson; George Tolth; Curtis Yanito

Nay:

Not Voting: Helena Nez Begay (Presiding Chair Pro Tempore)

Excused:

Absent:

Vote: 5-0-1

  
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Honorable Helena Nez Begay, Chair Pro-Tempore  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

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

**25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE REPORT  
First Year 2023**

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

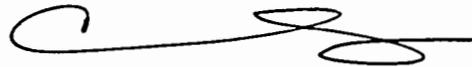
**NAVAJO LEGISLATIVE BILL #0079-23**

An Action Relating to Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 403 Meeting Day for the Health, Education and Human Services Committee

*Sponsored by: Honorable Vince R. James*

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

Respectfully Submitted,



*Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Chairperson  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE*

**11 May 2023**

**MAIN MOTION**

*Motioned by: Honorable Nathan Notah*

*Seconded by: Honorable Shaandiin Parrish*

*Vote: 17 In Favor, 1 Opposed (Chairperson Crystalyne Curley Not Voting)*

<b>Amd# to Amd#</b>	<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>	<b>PASSED</b>
MOT Notah, N	New Business - Item B.	
SEC Parrish, S	0093-23, 0094-23, 0079-23	

**Yeas : 17**

**Nays : 1**

**Excused : 2**

**Not Voting : 3**

**Yea : 17**

Arviso, S	Damon, S	Nez, A	Simonson, G
Begay, H	Daniels, H	Nez, R	Slater, C
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Claw, S	Jesus, B	Parrish, S	Yazzie, C
Crotty, A			

**Nay : 1**

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**Excused : 2**

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**Presiding Speaker: Curley, C**