# RESOLUTION OF THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2023

AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT, RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE PROTECTION SERVICES PROGRAM

### BE IT ENACTED:

### SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council that oversees the operations of Navajo Nation government entities not specifically under the oversight of other standing committees, which includes the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice-President. 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(2). This authority includes the power to approve and amend the Plans of Operation for Navajo Nation offices that the Naabik'íyáti' Committee oversees.

#### SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Plan of Operation for the Office of the President and Vice-President ("OP/VP") has not been updated in nearly 30 years; thus, it is overdue for an update. A copy of the original Plan of Operation, along with the approving Resolution of the former Government Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, is attached hereto as EXHIBIT A.
- B. The current Nygren-Montoya Administration at the OP/VP has determined that, while it would be ideal to have formally certified officers in the Executive Protection Services Program, this has not occurred because there are not enough certified officers available to serve the Navajo Nation.
- C. Given the lack of available certified officers on the Navajo Nation, the requirement for certified officers serving in the Executive Protection Services Program should be removed.
- D. Removal of this requirement will allow for flexibility in hiring needed staff at OP/VP. The staff will be thoroughly trained in security measures, and can adequately serve in the EPS Program without formal certification. The EPS Program can always hire certified officers when the opportunity arises,

and EPS can coordinate with the Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety to obtain certified officers, if necessary.

- E. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to approve the amendments to the OP/VP's Plan of Operation, as shown in the attached EXHIBIT B.
- F. A copy of the strikethrough/underlined version of the amendments is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT C**.

### SECTION THREE. APPROVAL OF AMENDED PLAN OF OPERATION

The Naabik'íyáti' Committee hereby approves the amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice-President, as shown in the attached **EXHIBIT B**.

#### SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(2) and 2 N.N.C. § 221(C).

#### SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE

If any provision of this Action is determined invalid by the Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation, or by a Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of this Action shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.

### CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 25th 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 16 in Favor, and 01 Opposed, on this 25th day of May 2023.

Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Chairwoman Naabik'íyáti' Committee

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Date

Motion: Honorable George H. Tolth Second: Honorable Vince R. James

Chairwoman Crystalyne Curley not voting

### RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL



### Approving the Plan of Operation For the Navajo Executive Protection Services Program

#### WHEREAS:

- 1. Pursuant to 2 N.T.C. §§341 and 343 (b)(2), the Government Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council was established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council authorized to create any division or department of the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government by adoption of its Plan of Operation and to amend or rescind that Plan or the existing Plan of Operation for any division or department; and
- 2. By Resolution GSCAU-61-95, the Government Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council deleted the responsibilities of the Office of Internal Affairs to provide executive protection services to the President and the Vice President of the Navajo Nation; therefore, the Executive Protection Services Program has been established in the Office of the President and the Vice President of the Navajo Nation government; and
- 3. The Executive Protection Service Program has prepared a proposed Plan of Operation, attached as Exhibit "A"; and
- 4. It would be in the best interest of the Navajo Nation and the Executive Offices that the proposed Plan of Operation be approved.

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Government Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves and adopts the Plan of Operation for the Navajo Executive Protection Services Program to be funded by general fund, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Government Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained, this 13th day of October 1995.

Milton Bluehouse, Sr., Chairperson Government Services Committee

Motion: Ervin Keeswood, Sr.

Second: Wallace Davis

# PLAN OF OPERATION

### NAVAJO EXECUTIVE PROTECTION SERVICES PROGRAM

### I. ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby established the Navajo Executive Protection Services Program within the Office of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation. The Supervisor of the Executive Protection Services Program shall be under the direct supervision of the Chief of Staff of Office of the President and the Vice President of the Navajo Nation.

### II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Navajo Executive Protection Service Program is to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation, their immediate family members and visiting dignitaries. The application of this objective is subject to the availability of the General funds of the Navajo Nation.

### III. STAFFING AND ORGANIZATION

- A. All personnel shall be employed and compensated in accordance with applicable Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual, and the Supervisor of the Navajo Executive Protection Service Program shall be recommended by the Office of the President and Vice President, in accordance with established Navajo Nation Personnel Policy Manual.
- B. The Navajo Executive Protection Service Program shall be staffed sufficiently to accomplish the purpose and objectives of the program.
- C The Supervisor shall be authorized to make decisions regarding additional professional, technical and clinical positions as needed to carry out the organizational purpose and objectives as stated herein. Additional positions shall be acquired within applicable rules established for conducting the annual Navajo Nation budget process.

D. All personnel providing direct security protection services must have met the requirements of a certified officer with a special training in protection and preliminary investigations.

### IV. RESPONSIBILITIES & AUTHORITY

- A. The responsibilities of the Navajo Executive Protection Services Program shall include, but not limited to the following:
  - 1. To ensure the health, welfare and safety of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation, their immediate family and visiting dignitaries.
  - 2. To conduct investigations and assess potential security threats in advance, at designated locations in which the President and Vice President will be in attendance, in order to provide effective and efficient executive security protection service.
  - 3. To exercise control and authority over executive security protection services, including arrangements for transportation and other assignments requested by the President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation.
  - 4. To maintain security and medical equipment necessary to provide effective and efficient executive security protection services.
- B. The responsibilities of the Supervisor of the Navajo Executive Protection shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - 1. To ensure that duties and responsibilities are performed with professionalism ensuring integrity and confidentiality of the Navajo Executive Protection Services Program.

- 2. To coordinate and oversee the daily operations of the Navajo Executive Protection Services Program.
- 3. To supervise, control and administer the Navajo Executive Protection Services Program in compliance with all applicable Navajo Nation Laws, rules and regulations.
- 4. To ensure that every employee is provided the necessary training and education to effectively and efficiently carry out his/her duties and responsibilities.
- 5. To coordinate executive security protection services between the Program and other law enforcement agencies.
- 6. To develop an annual budget for the Navajo Executive Protection Services Program.
- 7. To formulate policies and procedures governing executive security protection services.
- 8. To ensure that accurate records are maintained regarding executive security protection services.
- 9. To conduct annual evaluations of staff to determine program effectiveness and make recommendations for staff training and skills development, when appropriate, in order to provide effective and efficient executive security protection services.
- 10. To report directly to the Office of the President and Vice-President regarding all activities of the Navajo Executive Protection Services Program on a regular basis.
- 11. To negotiate contracts, grants and agreements on behalf of the Navajo Executive Protection

Services Program in compliance with all Navajo Nation laws, rules and regulations.

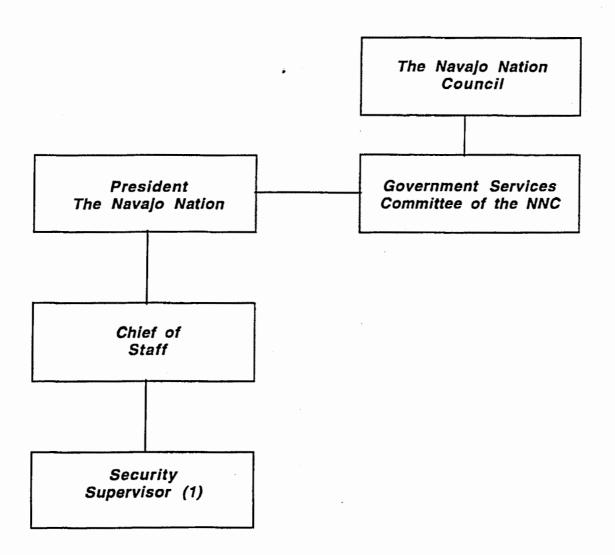
# V. <u>LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT</u>

The Navajo Executive Protection Services Program, Office of the President and Vice-President, shall operate under the legislative oversight of the Government Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to the powers granted that committee in Title 2 N.T.C. Sub. Sec. 341 et seq.

# VI. AMENDMENTS

This plan of Operation may be amended from time to time by the Government Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council as deemed appropriate.

# Navajo Executive Protection Services Organization Chart



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### II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

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- A. All personnel of the Navajo Executive Protection Service Program shall be employed and compensated in accordance with the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual. The Supervisor of the Navajo Executive Protection Service Program shall be recommended by the Office of the President and Vice-President, in accordance with the Navajo Nation Personnel Policy Manual.
- B. The Navajo Executive Protection Service Program shall include a Supervisor and be sufficiently staffed to accomplish the purpose and objectives of the program.
- C. The Supervisor shall be authorized to make decisions regarding additional professional, technical and clinical positions as needed to carry out the organizational purpose and objectives as stated herein. Additional positions shall be acquired through the Navajo Nation budget process.

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- 4. To maintain security and medical equipment necessary to provide effective and efficient executive security protection services.
- 5. To ensure the Office of the President and Vice-President is appropriately and effectively protected from security threats.
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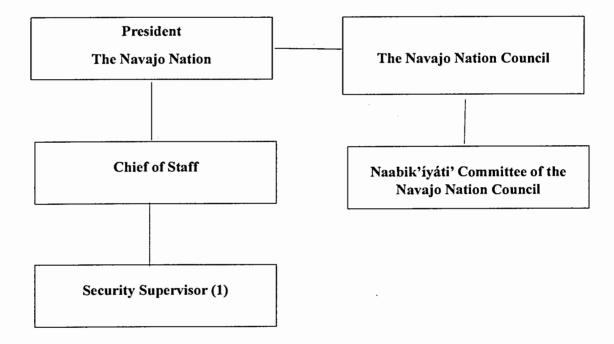
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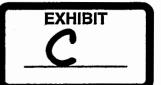
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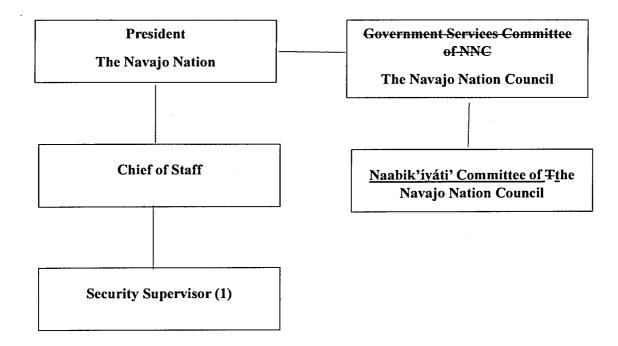
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# Navajo Executive Protection Services Organization Chart



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# **NAVAJO NATION**

Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Special Meeting

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New Business: Item F.

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Legislation 0107-23: Approving Certain Amendments to the ...

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