

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE  
23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Third Year, 2017**

**AN ACTION**

**RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; DIRECTING THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO COMPLETE THE MODIFICATION OF THE CONSENT DECREE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS**

**BE IT ENACTED:**

**SECTION ONE: AUTHORITY**

- A.** The Law and Order Committee (LOC) of the Navajo Nation Council, has legislative oversight over law enforcement and emergency management, to enhance the operations and coordination of all departments within the Navajo Division of Public Safety in order to increase the availability, quality and effectiveness of public safety services on the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 600(C).

**SECTION TWO: FINDINGS**

- A.** "The Consent Decree addresses concerns about numerous jail conditions such as jail closures, jail overcrowding, fire safety, health care, nutrition, sanitation, and physical facilities." See Memorandum from Department of Justice, May 30, 2017.
- B.** On April 10, 2017, the Law and Order heard a report from the Department of Justice regarding the status on the modification of the consent decree, the Department of Justice at that time indicated the revision could take up to thirty (30) days.
- C.** On May 30, 2017, a memorandum was issued by the Department of Justice indicating the Status if Modification of 1992 Consent Decree along with estimates on the modification filed with the Navajo Nation District Court.
- D.** The Consent Decree modification is a high priority for the Law and Order Committee to protect the rights and interest of the Navajo People but to also enable the Navajo Nation to

more effectively provide efficient public safety services on the Navajo Nation.

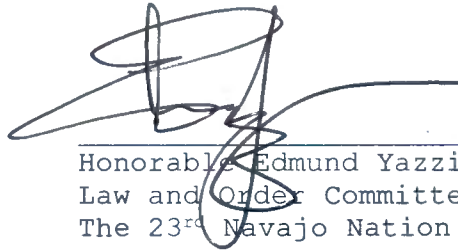
- E. The Navajo Nation hereby finds it is in the best interest to direct the Navajo Nation Department of Justice to complete the modification of the Consent Decree within thirty (30) days.

**SECTION THREE: DIRECTIVE**

The Navajo Nation Law and Order Committee hereby direct the Navajo Nation Department of Justice to complete the modification of the Consent Decree within thirty (30) days.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Law and Order Committee of the 23rd 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 03 in favor and 00 oppose, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edmund Yazzie', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'E' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Honorable Edmund Yazzie, Chairperson  
Law and Order Committee of  
The 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Herman M. Daniels  
Second: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.