

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'
AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT OF
JUANITA M. DUTTON AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation law: Any enrolled member of the Navajo Nation may renounce [her] membership by written petition to the President of the Navajo Nation requesting that his name be stricken from the Navajo Nation roll. See 1 N.N.C. § 705 (Renunciation of membership).
- B. The Navajo Nation in addition states, "[n]o person, otherwise eligible for membership in the Navajo Nation, may enroll as a member of the Navajo Nation, who, at the same time, is on the roll of any other tribe of Indians." See 1 N.N.C. § 703 (Member of another tribe).
- C. Renounced members may be reinstated by the Navajo Nation only by the vote of majority of the Navajo Nation Council. See 1 N.N.C. § 705 (Renunciation of membership).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. On January 1, 1940, Juanita Marie Dutton officially enrolled with the Navajo Nation Census, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- B. Juanita Marie Dutton's mother is an enrolled member of the Comanche Tribe and she is half Navajo, quarter Mexican and quarter Comanche. Letter to Enrollment Services is attached as **Exhibit B**.
- C. Juanita M. Dutton's father is not listed in the records of the census office as of 2009. Paternity would need to be established before Douglas Dutton is listed as Juanita M. Dutton's father.
- D. Subsequently, Juanita M. Dutton is $\frac{1}{4}$ degree Navajo according to her Certificate Navajo Indian Blood, attached as **Exhibit A**.

- E. Juanita M. Dutton relinquished her enrollment with the Navajo Nation and sought enrollment with the Comanche Nation, her request was denied. Comanche Nation Office of Enrollment letter is attached as **Exhibit C**.
- F. The White Rock Local Government supports and recommends the reenrollment of Juanita M. Dutton to the Navajo Nation, resolution of White Rock Local Government is attached as **Exhibit D**.
- G. Juanita M. Dutton has formally requested reinstatement into the Navajo Nation, letter attached as **Exhibit E**.

SECTION THREE. REENROLLMENT

Juanita M. Dutton, is and shall be reinstated, or otherwise reenrolled, as a member of the Navajo Nation. By this action of the Navajo Nation Council and pursuant to the laws of the Navajo Nation, she shall be entitled to all rights, benefits and privileges associated with membership with the Navajo Nation.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 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 20 in favor and 01 opposed, this 22nd day of December 2017.



LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker
Navajo Nation Council

12-28-17

Date

Motion: Honorable Nathaniel Brown
Second: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.

Speaker LoRenzo C. Bates not voting



PETERSON ZAH
PRESIDENT

THE NAVAJO NATION

MARSHALL PLUMMER
VICE PRESIDENT

UNACCEPTABLE IF ALTERED

CERTIFICATE OF NAVAJO INDIAN BLOOD

PART A (To be used if applicant is enrolled)

CROWNPOINT

AGENCY

March 14, 1994

DATE

I certify that Juanita Marie Dutton is listed on the Navajo Indian Census Roll, dated
Jan. 01, 1940, which is an official record of this office as being of 1/4 degree Navajo
Indian blood, with Roll Number _____, date of birth _____.

RECORD: Page 546 Eastern Navajo Indian Census Roll, New Mexico
Enrolled March 04, 1994.

Eleanor A. Ashby
for VITAL STATISTIC MANAGER

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS DOCUMENT
HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM THE OFFICIAL TRIBAL ROLL OF THE NAVAJO TRIBE.

TRIBAL ENROLLMENT SERVICES
EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY • P.O. BOX 148 • CROWNPOINT, NEW MEXICO 87313



Dear Enrollment Services,

Father Family blood count

I am writing you to enroll myself and my children into the Navajo tribe.

I am Juanita Dutton and my biological parents are Douglas Dutton and Victoria Poncey.

My Father Douglas Dutton enrollment number is 4 , Birthday (), Born in Shiprock New Mexico. Douglas is half Navajo and half Italian.

My Paternal Grandmother is Full Navajo her name is Priscilla Martinez. Enrollment number is 1
Birthday Born nijazi reservation NM.

My Paternal Grandfather is Harvey Douglas Dutton. He is full Italian.

Mother Family blood count

My Mother Victoria Poncey is enrolled in Comanche tribe. She is half Navajo, quarter Mexican, and quarter Comanche.

My Maternal grandmother is Full Navajo her name is Sally Thomas. Enrollment number is 1
Birthday Born White Rock San Juan county.

My Maternal Grandfather is Bennie Floyed Poncey. He was half Comanche and Half Mexican. He was also enrolled with the Comanche tribe.

My children Family Blood count

has a quarter Navajo and the rest is Caucasian.

has a quarter Navajo and the rest is Caucasian.

Mia Family blood count

biological Parents are Juanita Dutton and Kellam Nicholas.

Kellam Nicholas is Full Caucasian.

Juanita Dutton is Half Navajo, quarter Italian, eighth Comanche and eighth Mexican.

Kaycee Palmateer

biological Parents are Juanita Dutton and Casey Palmateer.

Casey Palmateer is Full Caucasian.

Juanita Dutton is Half Navajo, quarter Italian, eighth Comanche and eighth Mexican



COMANCHE NATION OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT

April 3, 2017

Juanita Dutton

Lawrence, KS 66049

Re: Denial of Application

This letter is to inform you that your application for membership with the Comanche Nation has been DENIED. According to Section 4 of our constitution, the only time an applicant is allowed to relinquish and switch to the Comanche Nation is between their 18th and 19th Birthday. Once you legally become an adult at the age of 18, the Comanche Nation allows you to apply for membership for ONE YEAR after your 18th birthday. Once you turn 19 you are no longer considered eligible for membership.

Section 4: Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3 of this Article, any person who meets the eligibility criteria in Section 1 of this Article who as a minor accepted a material or monetary benefit as a member of another Indian Tribe or whose legal guardians accepted a material or monetary benefit as a member of another Indian tribe while the person was minor, shall have the option of relinquishing their membership in the other tribe and becoming a member of the Comanche Nation not later than one year after they become an adult as defined by this Constitution, provided further that any person eligible for membership of the Comanche Nation under this section who has reached adulthood prior to the approval date of this section must take appropriate action to enroll as a member of the Comanche Nation not later than 30 days subsequent to the adoption date of this section.

Your application was denied on July 10, 2007 and again on April 25th, 2012 because you applied outside of the parameters of our Constitution. I have attached copies of the denial letters as well as a copy of our Constitution.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (580)492-3371.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amber Hedge".

Amber Hedge
Enrollment Director

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Russell Begay, President

Jonathan Nez, Vice President
WRC-017-023

RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE ROCK LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SUPPORTING AND APPROVING JUANITA DUTTON TO RE-ENROLL WITH THE NAVAJO NATION CENSUS OFFICE

WHEREAS:

1. White Rock Local Government is a duly recognized and Governance Certified Chapter through Local Governance Certification and of the Five Management System Policies and Procedures, pursuant to the Local Governance, Title 26, N.N.C. Section 102 (B); and
2. White Rock Local Government is vested with the authority and responsibility to promote, to receive, act upon and protect the interest of the general welfare of it's constituents and interact with other entities of the Navajo Nation and other local agencies for appropriate actions; and
3. White Rock Local Government was governance certified on December 21, 2010 by the Resources and Development Committee Resolution No. TCDC-49-10; and
4. Victoria Dutton is requesting for her daughter Juanita Dutton to be a member of the Navajo Nation by having a valid census number. Juanita Dutton was unable to obtain census enrollment through the Comanche tribe in Oklahoma; and
5. White Rock Local Government is requesting the Navajo Nation Census Office to allow Juanita Dutton to enroll with the Navajo Nation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. White Rock Local Government supports and respectfully requests the Navajo Nation Census Office to provide a census number to Juanita Dutton and allow her to be part of the Navajo Nation.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting at White Rock Chapter, Navajo Nation, New Mexico at which a quorum was present, motion by Helen Lewis, second by Irwin Jim, and that same was passed by a vote of 24 in favor, 01 opposed, and 05 abstained on this 20th day of February 2017.


Herbert Benally, Council President


Norman Henry, Council Vice President


Corrairie L. Johnson, Council Secretary/Treasurer

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Linda Phillips, Chapter Manager
Tabitha Harrison, Administrative Assistant
Vacant, Land Board

Jonathan Perry, Council Delegate



To whom it may concern;

After considering my options, I have decided that my best interests would be served by enrollment in the Navajo Nation. I identify significantly more, in a cultural respect, with the traditions and people of the Navajo nation. I have spent the vast majority of my life in the southwest, particularly the four-corners area and when questioned, or when considering, myself, I identify as Din'e.

Aside from these personal matters. I feel as though it is my duty to enroll in my local chapter and vote on matters pertaining to my people as a whole. I would like the opportunity to share my perspective through the electoral process to better the living situations for my family and culture.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or require further information, I can be reached at:

Telephone: !

Email:

Thank you again,
Juanita Dutton

NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 893

12/22/2017

Special Session

11:58:15 AM

Amd# to Amd#

Legislation No. 0179-17

PASSED

MOT Brown

Reinstatement of Juanita M.

SEC Smith

Dutton as a Member of the
Navajo Nation

Yea : 20

Nay : 1

Not Voting : 3

Yea : 20

Begay, K

Chee

Hale

Shepherd

Begay, NM

Crotty

Jack

Slim

Begay, S

Damon

Perry

Smith

BeGaye, N

Daniels

Pete

Witherspoon

Brown

Filfred

Phelps

Yazzie

Nay : 1

Tsosie

Not Voting : 3

Bates

Bennett

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