



## NOTIFICATION TO WITHDRAW SPONSORSHIP

Legislative Reporting Supervisor  
Reporting Section/OLS

I, Dwight Witherspoon, Sponsor of proposed resolution hereby withdraw my sponsorship of the proposed resolution, tracking no. 0034-15. I understand that if there are co-sponsors to the resolution, they may continue as sponsor of the proposed resolution.

Dwight Witherspoon Signature

March 26, 2015 Date

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0034-15

**DATE:** January 29, 2015

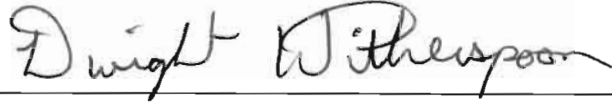
**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACT RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;  
AMENDING CD-80-14 BY CONDUCTING SPECIAL PRIMARY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ON MARCH 24, 2015 AND THE SPECIAL GENERAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ON MAY 19, 2015

**PURPOSE:** This resolution will amend CD-80-14 by conducting special primary Presidential election on March 24, 2015 and the special general Presidential election on May 19, 2015

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.

1 NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
2 23<sup>RD</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2015

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8 TRACKING NO. 0034-15  
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10 AN ACT RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;  
11 AMENDING CD-80-14 BY CONDUCTING SPECIAL PRIMARY PRESIDENTIAL  
12 ELECTION ON MARCH 24, 2015 AND THE SPECIAL GENERAL PRESIDENTIAL  
13 ELECTION ON MAY 19, 2015  
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15 BE IT ENACTED:

16 **Section One. Purpose**

17 1. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, among other duties and  
18 responsibilities, is established "to provide for the compilation and publication of all Navajo  
19 Nation laws" and "recommend[ing] resolutions to Navajo Nation Council on matters within  
20 the Committee's jurisdiction." 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A) and 701(A)(3), respectively.

21 2. The Navajo Nation Council is the law-making body of Navajo Nation government. 2  
22 N.N.C. § 101.

23 3. Navajo Nation Presidential elections must still be conducted. The Navajo Nation Council  
24 enacted CD-80-14, directing that special and primary elections for Office of the President  
25 and Vice President be conducted June 2, 2015 and August 4, 2015, respectively. See Exhibit  
26 "A," resolution CD-80-14, attached. However, it is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation  
27 that the elections occur sooner.  
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29 **Section 2. Amending CD-80-14**

30 Resolution CD-80-14 is amended as follows:

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**Section Three. Authorizing a Special Run-off Primary Election and a Special General Election.**

Notwithstanding certain election laws contained in Title 11 of the Navajo Nation Code, and other relevant laws, the following provisions shall be used to implement a special run-off primary election and a special general election:

A. The Navajo Nation Election Administration shall conduct the special Primary Election for Office of the Navajo Nation President and Vice President on March 24, 2015.

B. The Navajo Nation Election Administration shall conduct the special General Election for the Office of Navajo Nation President and Vice President on May 19, 2015.

~~A. Except for the Office of the President and Vice President, the general election results of November 4, 2014, for all Navajo Nation elected offices shall be certified by the Navajo Election Administration.~~

~~B. The Navajo Nation Council hereby authorizes a special run-off election and a special general election for the offices of the President and Vice President pursuant to the laws existing at the time of the special primary election.~~

~~C. Navajo Nation Council hereby authorizes the following procedures to be used to conduct the 2015 special run-off election, if necessary, and the 2015 special general election:~~

~~1. A special run-off election shall be scheduled for June 2, 2015.~~

~~2. A special general election shall be scheduled for August 4, 2015.~~

~~3. Laws existing at the time of the special primary election shall be used to allow presidential candidates who filed for and participated in the 2014 primary election to be given an opportunity to participate in the special run-off election for the offices of the President and Vice President.~~

~~4. The requirements under 11 N.N.C. § 26 regarding filing fees shall be waived for candidates.~~

1           5. ~~Subject to laws existing at the time of the election only the 2014 primary~~  
2           ~~election candidates shall be qualified to be a candidate for the special run-~~  
3           ~~off election and the Navajo Election Administration shall contact them to~~  
4           ~~determine if they wish to file an application for candidacy for the Office of~~  
5           ~~the President, to wit:~~

- 6           a. ~~Donald Benally;~~  
7           b. ~~Edison J. Wauneka;~~  
8           e. ~~Moroni Benally;~~  
9           d. ~~Hank Whitethorne;~~  
10          e. ~~Dan Smith;~~  
11          f. ~~Ben Shelly;~~  
12          g. ~~Chris Deschene;~~  
13          h. ~~Kee Yazzie Mann;~~  
14          i. ~~Myron McLaughlin;~~  
15          j. ~~Joe Shirley, Jr.;~~  
16          k. ~~Duane H. Yazzie;~~  
17          l. ~~Dale E. Tsosie;~~  
18          m. ~~Carrie Lynn Martin;~~  
19          n. ~~Cal Nez;~~  
20          o. ~~Edison "Chip" Begay;~~  
21          p. ~~Kenneth Maryboy; and~~  
22          q. ~~Russell Begaye.~~

23          6. ~~Navajo Election Administration shall maintain a~~  
24          ~~record of how the contact with each candidate was~~  
25          ~~made and the candidate's answer. Personal contact~~  
26          ~~is preferred, but the Administration may contact~~  
27          ~~the candidates by telephone or other form of~~  
28          ~~electronic means. The candidate shall be allowed~~  
29          ~~to file their application for candidacy for the~~  
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Office of the President no later than April 3, 2015.

7. Candidates for the special run-off election shall be certified by the Navajo Election Administration no later than April 4, 2015.

8. If only two candidates file their applications for candidacy for the special run-off election, the special run-off election shall be canceled and the two candidates who filed shall be allowed to run in the special general election for the Office of the President.

9. If three or more candidates file their applications for candidacy for the run-off election, then all candidates who filed their candidacy application shall be allowed to run in the special run-off election. A special ballot shall be printed for the special run-off election. If a special ballot cannot be printed within the timeline herein, Navajo Election Administration shall arrange for in-house printing and the hand counting of the ballots, along with security measures to prevent voting fraud.

10. Unless otherwise prohibited by Navajo Nation law, voters who are registered to vote by May 4, 2015, shall be allowed to vote in the special run-off election and the special general election.

11. Early voting for special run-off election shall be allowed from May 21, 2015 to May 29, 2015. Voters may be allowed to bring their special early voting ballot and cast it on special run-off election day.

12. Absentee ballots for special run-off election shall be mailed to all voters who requested absentee ballots in the regular primary election and regular general election no later than May 4, 2015, and the due date for the return of absent ballots shall be June 2, 2015. Additional absentee ballot requests may be allowed for the special run-off election.

- 1       ~~13. Final certification of the result for the special run-off election shall be~~  
2       ~~done no later than June 15, 2015 the Navajo Election Administration.~~  
3       ~~The candidates with the two highest votes in the run-off election shall~~  
4       ~~be certified as candidates for a special general election.~~
- 5       ~~14. Grievance filed by a candidate for the special run-off election shall be~~  
6       ~~filed no later than June 12, 2015; and the Navajo Nation Office of~~  
7       ~~Hearings and Appeals shall render a decision no later than June 13,~~  
8       ~~2015. Appeals of the decision of the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings~~  
9       ~~and Appeals shall be made to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court no~~  
10      ~~later than June 14, 2015; and the Navajo Nation Supreme Court shall~~  
11      ~~render a decision no later than June 16, 2015.~~
- 12      ~~15. A special ballot shall be printed for the special general election and~~  
13      ~~included on the ballot shall be the two certified candidates.~~
- 14      ~~16. Early voting for the special general election shall be allowed from~~  
15      ~~June 22, 2015, to June 31, 2015 if no grievance is filed for the special~~  
16      ~~run-off election. If a grievance is filed in the special run-off election,~~  
17      ~~then early voting for the special general election shall be allowed from~~  
18      ~~June 27, 2015, to June 31, 2015. Voters may be allowed to bring their~~  
19      ~~special early voting ballot and cast it on special general election day.~~
- 20      ~~17. Absentee ballots for special general election shall be mailed to all~~  
21      ~~voters who requested absentee ballots in the regular primary election~~  
22      ~~and regular general election no later than July~~  
23      ~~6, 2015, and the due date for the return of absent ballots shall be~~  
24      ~~August 4, 2015. Additional absentee ballot requests may be allowed~~  
25      ~~for the special general election.~~
- 26      ~~18. Absentee voting for the special general election shall be allowed from~~  
27      ~~July 6, 2015, to August 4, 2015 if no grievance is filed for the special~~  
28      ~~run-off election. If a grievance is filed in the special run-off election,~~  
29      ~~then absentee voting for the special general election shall be allowed~~  
30      ~~from July 11, 2015, to August 4, 2015.~~

- 1           ~~19. Final certification of the result for the special general election shall be~~  
2           ~~done no later than August 17, 2015 by the Navajo Election~~  
3           ~~Administration. The candidate with the highest votes shall be certified~~  
4           ~~as the elected official to take the oath of office on September 9, 2015.~~
- 5           ~~20. Grievance filed by a candidate for the special general election shall be~~  
6           ~~filed no later than August 14, 2015; and the Navajo Nation Office of~~  
7           ~~Hearings and Appeals shall render a decision no later than August 18,~~  
8           ~~2015. Appeals of the decision of the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings~~  
9           ~~and Appeals shall be made to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court no~~  
10           ~~later than August 21, 2015; and the Navajo Nation Supreme Court~~  
11           ~~shall render a decision no later August 25, 2015.~~
- 12           ~~21. Campaign reports for the special run off election and the special~~  
13           ~~general election, as required by 11 N.N.C. §§ 201 – 209 shall be filed~~  
14           ~~no later than June 12, 2015 and August 14, 2015.~~
- 15           ~~22. Poll officials used in the 2014 regular general election may be used as~~  
16           ~~poll officials for the special run off election and the special general~~  
17           ~~election.~~
- 18           ~~23. Navajo Election Administration shall take all precautions and~~  
19           ~~necessary steps to promptly send absentee ballots to persons who have~~  
20           ~~voted by absentee ballots in the 2014 election cycle.~~
- 21           ~~24. Navajo Election Administration shall use the special provisions~~  
22           ~~contained herein in a congruent manner with the current Election Code~~  
23           ~~provisions.~~
- 24           ~~25. Elections scheduled by Navajo Election Administration for President~~  
25           ~~and Vice President should be canceled for 2014.~~
- 26           ~~D. Navajo Election Administration shall make arrangements for the public~~  
27           ~~announcement of the procedure adopted herein in Navajo and English languages on a~~  
28           ~~daily basis until January 13, 2015.~~
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1 ~~E. Navajo Election Administration shall prepare a budget to cover the costs of~~  
2 ~~the special run-off election and the special general election and communicate this to~~  
3 ~~the Navajo Nation Council so it may allocate additional resources.~~

4 ~~F. Employees of the Navajo Nation government shall be given time off~~  
5 ~~beginning at 1:00 p.m. on special run-off election day, if necessary, and on special~~  
6 ~~general election day only if they use the leave to go vote.~~

7 ~~G. The Oath of Office for all Navajo Nation elected officials shall be September~~  
8 ~~9, 2015.~~

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10 **Section Four. Schedule for conducting Special Primary and General Elections for**  
11 **Office of President and Vice President**

12 The Navajo Election Administration shall conduct the special primary and general  
13 elections for the Office of President and Vice President in accordance with the schedule  
14 attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

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16 **Section Five. Candidates in 2014 Primary Election; filing fees not required**

17 All qualified candidates in the 2014 Primary Election for the Office of Navajo Nation  
18 President shall be placed in the ballot for the 2015 special primary election ballots. No  
19 filing fees shall be required for these candidates. Those candidates who do not wish to be  
20 placed on such ballot shall contact the Navajo Election Administration prior to the printing  
21 of the ballots.

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23 **Section Six. Budget for Conducting Elections**

24 The budget for conducting the 2015 special primary and general elections for the  
25 Office of the Navajo Nation President and Vice President shall remain the same as  
26 provided in CD-80-14.

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28 **Section Seven. Savings Clause**

29 Should any part of this action of the Navajo Nation Council be determined invalid by  
30 the Navajo Nation Supreme Court or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal

1 to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of this action shall remain the law of the  
2 Navajo Nation.

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4 **Section Eight. Effective Date**

5 These amendments shall become effective in accord with 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).  
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CD-80-14

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

22nd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year, 2014

AN ACTION

RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY; TO ADDRESS A MATTER OF NAVAJO VOTER  
DISENFRANCHISEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION  
AND A SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings

- A. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(16) provides, in part, that an emergency is limited to matters which directly threaten the sovereignty of the Navajo Nation and that such emergency matters must arise due to the pressing public need for such resolution and must be a matter requiring final action by the Council.
- B. The Navajo Nation election cycle for 2014 began with the primary election being held on August 26, 2014 and for the office of the President, seventeen (17) candidates filed; the two candidates with the most votes were slated to face each other in the general election which was scheduled for November 4, 2014.
- C. After the primary election, election grievances were filed by two candidates who did not prevail in the election and the grievances by the two candidates have been finalized by Navajo Nation tribunal bodies; however, Navajo People remain dissatisfied as their voice through their votes are being ignored and continued disharmony remains.
- D. Navajo Nation Supreme Court has issued an Opinion in the court case: Tsosie, et al., v. Navajo Board of Election Supervisors, slip op. SC-CV-68-14 (October 23, 2014) in a 2-1 majority vote with one (1) justice dissenting. The Opinion orders the name, Christopher C. Deschene, to be taken off the ballot.

- E. The decision of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court has disenfranchised the ample number of voters who voted in the 2014 primary and general election and no remedy was provided for them.
- F. The decision of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court indicates that it "is unavoidable that the November 4, 2014 election must be postponed..." The Navajo Nation Council agrees.
- G. The late filing of grievances, the different interpretations of the laws and the late decisions by the Office of Hearings and Appeals and the Navajo Nation Supreme Court has caused instability and confusion in the 2014 Navajo Nation Election. Such on-again, off-again appearance with respect to the carrying out of the Navajo Nation laws is damaging to the image of the Navajo Nation. In the meantime, community leaders are requesting the voters to have a civil dialogue and resolve the matter through the concept of hozho.
- H. Navajo Nation Council has received hundreds of Navajo Chapter resolutions, petitions or letters from Navajo voters. The request of the Navajo People should not be ignored and, rather, be seriously considered by all Navajo Nation branches and departments. If the confusion is not resolved, civil unrest may develop.
- I. Navajo Nation does not have a constitution but has a set of developed laws, including election laws. Navajo Nation Supreme Court's decisions should be given due deference when it identifies ambiguities in Navajo Nation laws; however, Navajo Nation Council, as the representative body of the elected representatives of the Navajo People, has the prerogative and the authority to address matters by determining if laws were properly applied, to reduce confusion in the interpretation of the laws, and to resolve emergency matters facing the Navajo Nation or its residents.
- J. Navajo Nation Council, as the representative body of the elected representatives of the Navajo People, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 102(A), has the prerogative and the authority to amend laws to provide for certain remedies and pass resolutions, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(1).



- K. "Resolution" is defined as a form of legislation, which means a formal action of the Navajo Nation Council or its Committees adopting its approval of or stating its opinion on a matter. 2 N.N.C. §110(T).

**Section Two. Amendments to Title 11 of the Navajo Nation Code**

This Resolution does not amend Title 11 of the Navajo Nation Code, and other relevant laws, but shall be interpreted as a Resolution to provide for a special remedy to address the disenfranchisement of Navajo voters pursuant to the authority of the Navajo Nation Council over election matters.

**Section Three. Authorizing a Special Run-off Election and a Special General Election**

Notwithstanding certain election laws contained in Title 11 of the Navajo Nation Code, and other relevant laws, the following provisions shall be used to implement a special run-off primary election and a special general election:

- A. Except for the Office of the President and Vice President, the general election results of November 4, 2014, for all Navajo Nation elected offices shall be certified by the Navajo Election Administration.
- B. The Navajo Nation Council hereby authorizes a special run-off election and a special general election for the offices of the President and Vice President pursuant to the laws existing at the time of the special primary election.
- C. Navajo Nation Council hereby authorizes the following procedures to be used to conduct the 2015 special run-off election, if necessary, and the 2015 special general election:
  - 1. A special run-off election shall be scheduled for June 2, 2015.
  - 2. A special general election shall be scheduled for August 4, 2015.

3. Laws existing at the time of the special primary election shall be used to allow presidential candidates who filed for and participated in the 2014 primary election to be given an opportunity to participate in the special run-off election for the offices of the President and Vice President.
4. The requirements under 11 N.N.C. § 26 regarding filing fees shall be waived for candidates.
5. Subject to laws existing at the time of the election only the 2014 primary election candidates shall be qualified to be a candidate for the special run-off election and the Navajo Election Administration shall contact them to determine if they wish to file an application for candidacy for the Office of the President, to wit:
  - a. Donald Benally;
  - b. Edison J. Wauneka;
  - c. Moroni Benally;
  - d. Hank Whitethorne;
  - e. Dan Smith;
  - f. Ben Shelly;
  - g. Chris Deschene;
  - h. Kee Yazzie Mann;
  - i. Myron McLaughlin;
  - j. Joe Shirley, Jr.;
  - k. Duane H. Yazzie;
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  - m. Carrie Lynn Martin;
  - n. Cal Nez;
  - o. Edison "Chip" Begay;
  - p. Kenneth Maryboy; and
  - q. Russell Begaye.

6. Navajo Election Administration shall maintain a record of how the contact with each candidate was made and the candidate's answer. Personal contact is preferred, but the Administration may contact the candidates by telephone or other form of electronic means. The candidate shall be allowed to file their application for candidacy for the Office of the President no later than April 3, 2015.
7. Candidates for the special run-off election shall be certified by the Navajo Election Administration no later than April 4, 2015.
8. If only two candidates file their applications for candidacy for the special run-off election, the special run-off election shall be canceled and the two candidates who filed shall be allowed to run in the special general election for the Office of the President.
9. If three or more candidates file their applications for candidacy for the run-off election, then all candidates who filed their candidacy application shall be allowed to run in the special run-off election. A special ballot shall be printed for the special run-off election. If a special ballot cannot be printed within the timeline herein, Navajo Election Administration shall arrange for in-house printing and the hand-counting of the ballots, along with security measures to prevent voting fraud.
10. Unless otherwise prohibited by Navajo Nation law, voters who are registered to vote by May 4, 2015, shall be allowed to vote in the special run-off election and the special general election.
11. Early voting for special run-off election shall be allowed from May 21, 2015 to May 29, 2015. Voters may be allowed to bring their special early voting ballot and cast it on special run-off election day.



12. Absentee ballots for special run-off election shall be mailed to all voters who requested absentee ballots in the regular primary election and regular general election no later than May 4, 2015, and the due date for the return of absent ballots shall be June 2, 2015. Additional absentee ballot requests may be allowed for the special run-off election.
13. Final certification of the result for the special run-off election shall be done no later than June 15, 2015 the Navajo Election Administration. The candidates with the two highest votes in the run-off election shall be certified as candidates for a special general election.
14. Grievance filed by a candidate for the special run-off election shall be filed no later than June 12, 2015; and the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals shall render a decision no later than June 13, 2015. Appeals of the decision of the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals shall be made to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court no later than June 14, 2015; and the Navajo Nation Supreme Court shall render a decision no later than June 16, 2015.
15. A special ballot shall be printed for the special general election and included on the ballot shall be the two certified candidates.
16. Early voting for the special general election shall be allowed from June 22, 2015, to June 31, 2015 if no grievance is filed for the special run-off election. If a grievance is filed in the special run-off election, then early voting for the special general election shall be allowed from June 27, 2015, to June 31, 2015. Voters may be allowed to bring their special early voting ballot and cast it on special general election day.



17. Absentee ballots for special general election shall be mailed to all voters who requested absentee ballots in the regular primary election and regular general election no later than July 6, 2015, and the due date for the return of absent ballots shall be August 4, 2015. Additional absentee ballot requests may be allowed for the special general election.
18. Absentee voting for the special general election shall be allowed from July 6, 2015, to August 4, 2015 if no grievance is filed for the special run-off election. If a grievance is filed in the special run-off election, then absentee voting for the special general election shall be allowed from July 11, 2015, to August 4, 2015.
19. Final certification of the result for the special general election shall be done no later than August 17, 2015 by the Navajo Election Administration. The candidate with the highest votes shall be certified as the elected official to take the oath of office on September 9, 2015.
20. Grievance filed by a candidate for the special general election shall be filed no later than August 14, 2015; and the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals shall render a decision no later than August 18, 2015. Appeals of the decision of the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals shall be made to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court no later than August 21, 2015; and the Navajo Nation Supreme Court shall render a decision no later August 25, 2015.
21. Campaign reports for the special run-off election and the special general election, as required by 11 N.N.C. §§ 201 - 209 shall be filed no later than June 12, 2015 and August 14, 2015.
22. Poll officials used in the 2014 regular general election may be used as poll officials for the special run-off election and the special general election.

23. Navajo Election Administration shall take all precautions and necessary steps to promptly send absentee ballots to persons who have voted by absentee ballots in the 2014 election cycle.
  24. Navajo Election Administration shall use the special provisions contained herein in a congruent manner with the current Election Code provisions.
  25. Elections scheduled by Navajo Election Administration for President and Vice President should be canceled for 2014.
- D. Navajo Election Administration shall make arrangements for the public announcement of the procedure adopted herein in Navajo and English languages on a daily basis until January 13, 2015.
- E. Navajo Election Administration shall prepare a budget to cover the costs of the special run-off election and the special general election and communicate this to the Navajo Nation Council so it may allocate additional resources.
- F. Employees of the Navajo Nation government shall be given time off beginning at 1:00 p.m. on special run-off election day, if necessary, and on special general election day only if they use the leave to go vote.
- G. The Oath of Office for all Navajo Nation elected officials shall be September 9, 2015.

#### Section Four.

The special primary and general elections shall be funded at the Amount of \$317,891.00 and said funding shall be expended pursuant to budget documents inserted hereto as Exhibit "B".

#### Section Five. Effective Date

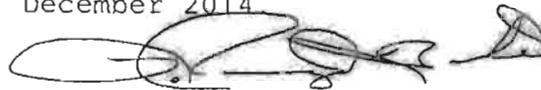
These amendments are effective upon its approval pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §221 and shall be in effect for the 2015 Navajo Nation Election subsequent Navajo Nation elections.

**Section Six. Saving Clause**

Should any provisions of this ordinance be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those portions of this ordinance which are not determined invalid shall remain the law of 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 11 in favor and 1 opposed, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014.



LoRenzo Bates, Pro Tem Speaker  
Navajo Nation Council

12-31-14

Date

Motion: Honorable Duane Tsinigine  
Second: Honorable Roland Tso

**ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:**

1. I hereby sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C)(10), on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2014.



Ben Shelly, President  
Navajo Nation

2. I hereby veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C) (11), this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 for the reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker.

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Ben Shelly, President  
Navajo Nation

3. I hereby sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C) (10) and 2 N.N.C. §164 (A) (17), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014. The justification of my line-item veto is set forth by memorandum.

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Ben Shelly, President  
Navajo Nation

## 2015 Navajo Nation Election Calendar

### February 17

Last day for chapters to submit recommendations for poll officials

### February 17

Voter registration close for Primary Election

### February 17

Absentee ballot becomes available upon request

### March 9

Mailed absentee application must be physically in NEA offices

### Month of March

Poll official training throughout the Navajo Nation

### March 20

Last day to vote on walk-in basis at NEA offices

### March 23

Chief Poll Judges meeting

### March 24

**PRIMARY ELECTION**  
Absentee Ballot Return Deadline

### March 25

Begin primary election grievance period of 10 days

### April 3

Grievance Deadline

### April 3

Voter registration reopens

### April 3

Deadline for candidates to file their Campaign Expense Statements

### April 6

Primary Election results to be certified after this date

### April 20

Voter registration close for the General Election

### April 20

Absentee ballot becomes available upon request

### May 4

Mailed absentee application must be physically in NEA offices

### Month of May

Poll official training throughout the Navajo Nation

### May 15

Last day to vote on walk-in basis at NEA offices

### May 18

Chief Poll Judges meeting

### May 19

**GENERAL ELECTION**  
Absentee Ballot Return Deadline

### May 20

Begin general election grievance period of 10 days

### May 20

Candidates to begin submitting Campaign Expense Statements

### May 29

Grievance Deadline

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Voter registration reopens

### May 29

Deadline for candidates to file their Campaign Expense Statements

### June 1

General Election results to be certified after this date

### June 16

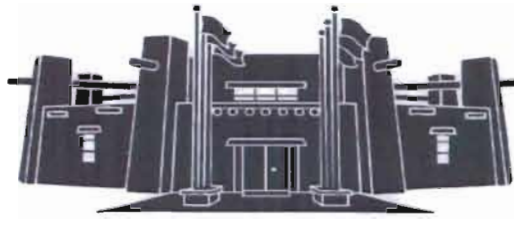
Oath of Office

### EXHIBIT

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## MEMORANDUM

To : Hon. Dwight Witherspoon, Delegate  
Navajo Nation Council

From :   
Ron Haven, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

Date : January 29, 2015

Re : AN ACT RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION  
COUNCIL; AMENDING CD-80-14 BY CONDUCTING SPECIAL PRIMARY  
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ON MARCH 24, 2015 AND THE SPECIAL  
GENERAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ON MAY 19, 2015

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. As to format, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. Regarding substance, as with any legislation, 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.

If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign it as "sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where it will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment. 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. Ahéhee'.


**OLC # 15-156-1**



January 29, 2015

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** *Honorable Members*  
*Naabik'iyati' Committee*  
*Navajo Nation Council*

**FROM :**   
*Hon. LoRenzo C. Bates Speaker*  
*23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council*

**SUBJECT :** **ASSIGNMENT OF LEGISLATION**

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Pursuant to 2 N.N.C § 164 (A)(4), this memorandum serves to inform and advise you that I assign the following legislation to the Naabik'iyati' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council;

**Legislation No. 0034-15**

**RELATING TO NAA'BIK'IYATI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING CD-80-14 BY CONDUCTING SPECIAL PRIMARY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ON MARCH 24, 2015 AND THE SPECIAL GENERAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ON MAY 19, 2015.**

As the Committee assigned to consider the legislation; Legislation No. 0034-15 must be placed on the Naabik'iyati' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council's agenda at the next regular meeting for final consideration.

**ATTACHMENT:** Legislation No. 0034-15

xc: *Hon. Ben Shelly, President*  
*The Navajo Nation*  
*Harrison Tsosie, Attorney General*  
*Mark Grant, Controller*  
*Dominic Beyal, Executive Director, OMB*  
*Honorable Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate (Prime Sponsor)*

THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: \_0034-15\_

SPONSOR: Dwight Witherspoon

TITLE: An Action Relating To NAA'BIK'IYATI' And Navajo Nation Council;  
Amending CD-80-14 By Conducting Special Primary Presidential Election On  
March 24, 2015 And The Special General Presidential Election On May 19, 2015

*Date posted:* January 29, 2015 at 6:55PM

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LEGISLATION NO.: 0034-15


SPONSOR: Honorable Dwight Witherspoon

TITLE: Relating To Naa'bik'iyati' And Navajo Nation Council; Amending CD-80-14 By Conducting Special Primary Presidential Election On March 24, 2015 And The Special General Presidential Election On May 19, 2015.

Posted: January 29, 2015 at 6: 55pm

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: February 3, 2015

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Policy Analyst  
Office of Legislative Services

  
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