

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2021

AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; TO PROCLAIM AN HONORARIUM AND MEMORIAL IN RECOGNIZING SURVIVORS AND FAMILIES, AND THOSE WHOM LOST LOVED ONES TO COVID-19; AND "APPRECIATING" ALL OF THE FRONT LINE AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS FOR THEIR SACRIFICE, COMMITMENT, AND HARD WORK IN PROVIDING CONTINUED SERVICES TO THE NAVAJO NATION

WHEREAS:

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education and Human Services Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Health, Education and Human Services Committee to recommend resolutions relating to social services, health and education. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401 (B) (6) (a)
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to include the authority to promulgate rules and regulations. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A), 701 (A) (3)
- C. The Proclamation, upon due consideration, is issued by the undersigned named official and entities of the Navajo Nation.
  - 1. On March 13, 2020, The Navajo Nation President Declared, via Executive Order, a State of Emergency due to the confirmation of the COVID-19 Virus in regional areas surrounding the Navajo Nation. The Navajo Nation closed all Navajo Nation government offices and supported the closure of all schools and educational institutions on the Navajo Nation. Executive Order 001-20 is attached as **Exhibit A**.
  - 2. On March 18, 2020, The Navajo Nation Department of Health (NNDOH) and Navajo Office of Environment Health and Protection Program issued a Public Health Emergency Order that included all Navajo citizens to remain at home and abide by daily curfews and weekend lockdowns. Additional guidance was to follow personal protective precautionary measures in the prevention and contraction of the COVID-19 Virus. NNDOH Public Health Emergency Order is attached as **Exhibit B**.

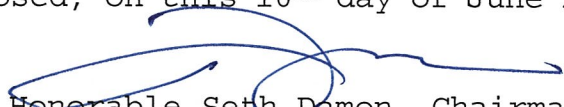
3. The COVID-19 Virus became a Global Pandemic infecting millions of people worldwide and attributed to mass infections and deaths to include the Navajo Nation.
4. As of March 9, 2021, the Navajo Nation and communities has endured 29,887 infections that attributed to 1,204 confirmed deaths. There were 16,202 recoveries. NNDOH data sheet is attached as **Exhibit C**.
5. The Navajo Nation proposes to honor and memorialize all survivors and those who succumbed to the COVID-19 Virus.
6. The Navajo Nation further proposes to recognize and "Appreciate" all Navajo Nation Essential and Front line workers for their sacrifice, commitment, and hard work for providing continued services to the Navajo Nation.
7. The Navajo Nation hereby proclaims an Honorarium and Memorial in recognizing survivors and families, and those individuals who lost their lives to the COVID-19 Virus, and recognizing all Navajo Nation Essential and Front line workers who continuously provided services to the Navajo Nation during the pandemic. Proclamation is attached as **Exhibit D**.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

- A. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves an Honorarium and Memorial of those survivors and families, and of those individuals who succumbed to the COVID-19 Virus. And, further recognizes all Navajo Nation Essential and Front line workers who provided their ultimate sacrifice, commitment, and hard work during the Navajo Nation and Global Pandemic.
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, to proclaim an Honorarium and Memorial of the victims of the COVID-19 Virus and to further recognize all Navajo Nation Essential and Front line Workers for their sacrifice, commitment, and hard work during the Navajo Nation and Global Pandemic.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 19 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021.



Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman  
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

06.15.2021

Date

Motion: Honorable Otto Tso

Second: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka

Chairman Seth Damon not voting

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 001-20****DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE CONFIRMATION OF  
THE COVID-19 VIRUS IN REGIONAL AREAS SURROUNDING THE NAVAJO  
NATION, CLOSING THE NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AND  
SUPPORTING THE CLOSURE OF ALL SCHOOLS AND EDUCATIONAL  
FACILITIES ON THE NAVAJO NATION**

**NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT  
MARCH 13, 2020**

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The President of the Navajo Nation serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government with full authority to conduct, supervise, and coordinate personnel and program matters. 2.N.N.C. §1005 (A);
2. The President shall have the enumerated power of issuing an executive order for the purpose of interpreting, implementing or giving administrative effect to statutes of the Navajo Nation in the manner set forth in such statutes. 2.N.N.C. §1005 (C)(14);
3. With the concurrence of the President of the Navajo Nation, the Emergency Management Commission shall have the power to declare a state of emergency affecting the Navajo Nation and to obtain, coordinate and oversee assistance, whether in the form of goods, services, equipment, motor vehicles, or personnel, from all Divisions, Departments and Enterprises of the Navajo Nation for use in addressing the requirements of the People in any declared emergency. 2 N.N.C. § 884(B)(1)(3);
4. The Emergency Management Commission declared an emergency due to the confirmation of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in regional areas surrounding the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 884(B)(1), See Emergency Management Commission resolution CEM 20-03-11;
5. An Executive Order shall have the force of law upon the recipient. 2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(14).

**THEREFORE:**

I, Jonathan Nez, President of the Navajo Nation and I, Myron Lizer, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, by the authority vested in us, hereby issue the following order:


1. With the support of the Emergency Management Commission, CEM-20-03-11, a public health state of emergency is declared affecting the Navajo Nation citizens and residents due to confirmation of the spread of the COVID-19 virus in every state surrounding the Navajo Nation, *see* White House Proclamation, NM Governor Lujan Grisham statement, Utah Governor Herbert Executive Order, Arizona Governor Ducey Executive Order and Declaration of Emergency, as such:
    - a. The Navajo Department of Health Command Operations Center shall be staffed throughout the emergency condition under the direction of the Director, Dr. Jill Jim, Navajo Department of Health; and,
    - b. The Navajo Department of Emergency Management Emergency Operation Center shall be activated to support the Navajo Department of Health Command Center; and,
    - c. All Navajo Nation Branches, Divisions, Departments, programs, offices, and Enterprises shall comply with and adhere to directives, instructions, and/or policies coming from the Navajo Department of Health as related to addressing COVID-19.
  2. The Navajo Nation has issued travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 virus which restricted or canceled all off-reservation travel and directed all Navajo Nation employees to return from current off-reservation travel; however, the action of surrounding States by restricting large gatherings and closure of government offices has heightened the concern of the spread of the COVID-19, as such:
    - a. All Navajo Nation government offices shall close to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus beginning March 16 to April 3, 2020 and only essential personnel as determined by the Division Director shall report to their respective duty stations – including Navajo Public Safety, Navajo Fire Department, Navajo Emergency Medical Services, Department of Emergency Management, Navajo Division of Finance, Navajo Division of Social Services, and those determined by the Branch Chiefs; and,
    - b. All non-essential Navajo Nation government employees, including non-certified Chapter employees, affected by this Executive Order shall be granted Administrative Leave for the duration of the closure and are expected to refrain from events, gatherings, or other areas where they may contract the COVID-19 virus; and,
    - c. The closure of Navajo Nation government offices may be extended beyond April 3, 2020 on the recommendation of the Navajo Department of Health Command Operations Center and the Navajo Department of Emergency Management Operation Center.
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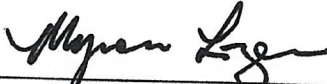
3. The Navajo Nation Board of Education declared an emergency affecting all schools on the Navajo Nation due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus and recommended, among other measures, the closure of all schools and educational facilities on the Navajo Nation to protect our children, their parents, and care givers, NNBEMA-608-2020, as such:
- a. Public Law 100-297 grant schools, Public Law 93-638 contract schools, and Bureau of Education operated schools shall be closed from March 16 to April 3, 2020; and,
  - b. Public schools, including grant schools, private schools, higher education institutions, early childhood programs, including CCDF, Head Start, FACE programs, and all after school programs located on the Navajo Nation shall be closed from March 16 to April 3, 2020; and,
  - c. Off reservation residential halls and dormitories for Navajo students operating under the authority of the Navajo Nation will follow the process and procedure for this host school district; and,
  - d. The Navajo Board of Education may recommend an extension of the closing of the schools and educational facilities beyond April 3, 2020.

The Divisions, Departments and Enterprises are responsible for implementing and ensuring compliance with this order.

The provisions of this order shall be implemented consistent with the laws of the Navajo Nation and in a manner that advances the highest welfare of the People.

EXECUTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020

  
Jonathan Nez, *President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION

  
Myron Lizer, *Vice-President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION

ATTEST:

  
Doreen N. McPaul, *Attorney General*

**PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER  
NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
NAVAJO OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & PROTECTION PROGRAM**

**March 18, 2020**

**Public Health Emergency Order**

**Public Health Emergency Order to Limit Mass Gatherings and Gatherings Due to COVID -19**

The Navajo Office of Environmental Health and Protection Program, Navajo Department of Health, duly designated as and herein the (Regulatory Authority), announcing that in light of the Navajo Nation Declaring a Public Health State of Emergency (CEM-20-03-11) Wednesday March 11, 2020 and therein “. . . *that the threat of transmission of COVID-19 needs to be mitigated to reduce the risk of exposure to the Navajo People and resultant consequential public health impacts.*” Resultant consequential public health impacts that pose a threat to the health, safety, wellbeing and property of the residents of the Navajo Nation due to, but not limited to, among other things, illness from COVID-19, illness-related absentees from employment (particularly among public health and medical personnel, public safety, emergency medical services personnel and persons engaged in activities and businesses critical to the economy and infrastructure of the Navajo Nation), and potential closures of schools or other places of public gatherings.

**THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that in accordance with the authority vested in the Navajo Department of Health by enabling legislation CO-50-14, do hereby declare the current outbreak of COVID-19 a condition of public health importance by CEM-20-03-11 as an infection, a disease, a syndrome, symptom, an injury or other threat that is identifiable on an individual or community level and can reasonably be expected to lead to adverse health effects in the community, and that poses an imminent threat of substantial harm to the population of the Navajo Nation.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the following definitions are adopted for the purpose of this Order:

Definitions: As used in this Public Health Order, the following terms shall have the meaning given to them, except where the context clearly requires otherwise:

1. “Businesses” and “typical office environments” includes organizations, governmental organizations, political subdivisions, or other entities engaged in commercial, industrial, or professional activities.
2. “Conditions of public health importance” means an infection, a disease, a syndrome, an injury or other threat that is identifiable on an individual or community level and can reasonably be expected to lead to adverse health effects in the community.
3. “Disease” means an illness, including those caused by infectious agents or their toxic products which may be transmitted to a susceptible host.
4. “Individuals” means natural persons.



5. "Itinerant/Temporary Food Service Establishment" means a food service establishment that operates at a fixed or temporary location.

6. "Gathering" means any grouping together of individuals in a single connected location.

7. "Mass gathering" means any public or private gathering that brings together one hundred (100) or more individuals in a single room or connected space in close proximity to one another such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, theaters, or any other confined indoor or outdoor space, but does not include normal operations at airports on other forms of transit, shopping malls, or other spaces where 100 or more individuals may be in transit. "Mass gathering" does not include family gatherings such as weddings or funerals, shelters, retail stores or grocery stores, typical office environments, businesses, courthouses, restaurants and bars, correctional and detention facilities, schools and educational institutions, hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and other health care and congregated care facilities, and places of worship operations during "normal business hours".

8. "Normal business hours" means the normal workday or typical time of operation for a "business" or "typical office environment".

9. "Regulatory Authority" means the Navajo Department of Health or its successor.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that pursuant the power and authority set forth in the Navajo Department of Health enabling legislation CO-50-14 and in conjunction with Navajo Nation declared Public Health State of Emergency CEM-20-03-11:

1. All mass gatherings are hereby prohibited.

2. Pursuant to President Trump's "Coronavirus Guidelines for America" of March 26, 2020 and in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), avoid all Social Gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.

3. All restaurants, bars, eateries, and other food service establishments shall operate at no greater than fifty percent of maximum occupancy, and no greater than fifty percent of seating capacity. Individual tables and booth must be separated by at least six feet or service curbside (take outs). Bar patrons may not be seated at bars and standing patrons shall not be served. Note: Recommendations for Food Service Establishments/facilities regarding COVID-19 is attached hereto as "Attachment – A"

4. All itinerant/temporary food service establishments shall only serve orders to go, curbside, seating shall be prohibited at fixed locations or temporary locations (flea markets, roadside, etc.).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this Order declaring restrictions based upon the existence of a condition of public health importance shall not abrogate and disease-reporting requirements.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this Order shall remain in effect for the duration of the current treat period and may be renewed consistent with any direction from the Regulatory Authority and or the Health Commend Center.




**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that it is greatly advised that the public take the following preventive precautions:

**1. Navajo Nation citizens are strongly advised to stay home and undertake only those outings absolutely necessary for their health, safety, or welfare.**


2. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
3. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, or having been in a public place. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
4. To the extent possible, avoid touching high-touch surfaces in public places – elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, handshaking with people, etc. Use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your hands or finger if you must touch something.
5. Avoid touching your face, nose, eyes, etc.
6. Clean and disinfect your home to remove germs: practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (for example: tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks, and cell phones).
7. Avoid crowds, especially in poorly ventilated spaces. Your risk of exposure to respiratory viruses like COVID-19 may increase in crowded, closed-in settings with little air circulation if there are people in the crowd who are sick.
8. Avoid all non-essential travel including plane trips and cruise ships.


**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this Order shall take immediately and shall remain in effect until otherwise rescinded.

**ADDITIONAL ADVISORIES AND ORDERS WILL FOLLOW AS CONDITIONS WARRANT. IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2020.**

  
Herman Shorty, Program Supervisor III  
Navajo Office of Environmental Health &  
Protection Program  
Navajo Department of Health

**CONCURRENCE:**

  
Dr. Jill Jim, Executive Director  
Navajo Department of Health

  
David Nez, Incident Manager  
Dikos Nstaaígíí – 19  
Health Command Center  
Navajo Department of Health



Situation Report #373

# Navajo Nation Dikos Ntsaaígíí-19 (COVID-19)

Last Updated: March 9, 2021



## Navajo Nation Residents

Total Confirmed Cases<sup>1</sup>

29,887

New Cases from Last Update: 12

Total Recovered

16,202

Total Confirmed Deaths

1,204

New Death(s) Reported: 1

Total Tests Completed<sup>2</sup>

247,314

Total Positive Tests<sup>3</sup>

38,102

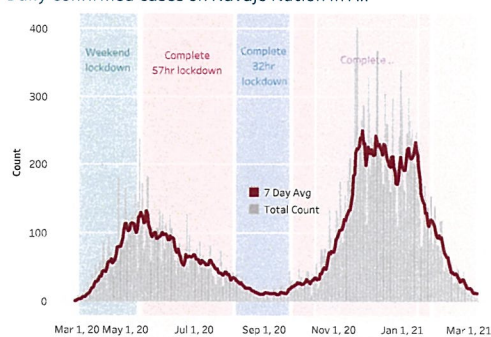
Total Negative Tests

198,542

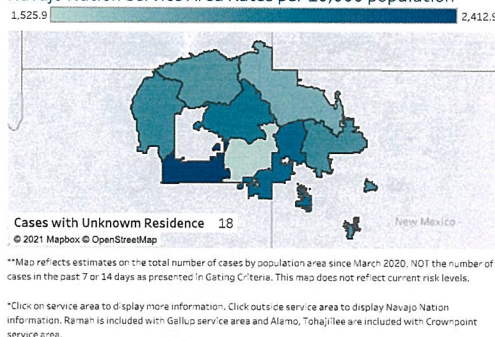
## Service Area Confirmed Cases

Bordertown	Chinle	Crownpoint	Fort Defiance	Gallup	Kayenta	Shiprock	Tuba City	Winslow
8,269	5,496	2,860	3,558	4,727	2,641	5,017	3,624	1,946

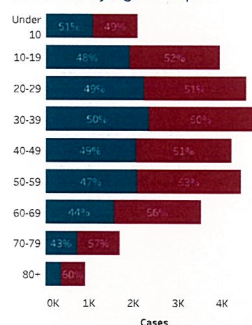
## Daily Confirmed Cases on Navajo Nation in All



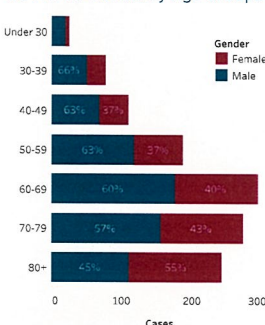
## Navajo Nation Service Area Rates per 10,000 population



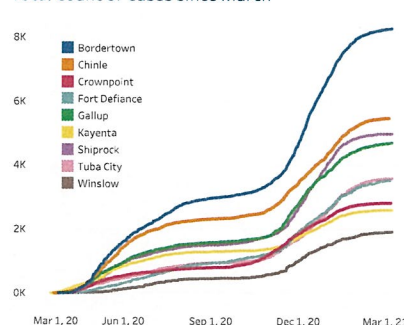
## COVID-19 by Age Groups



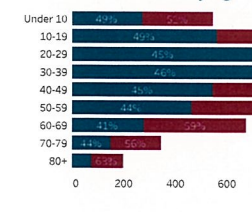
## COVID-19 Deaths by Age Groups



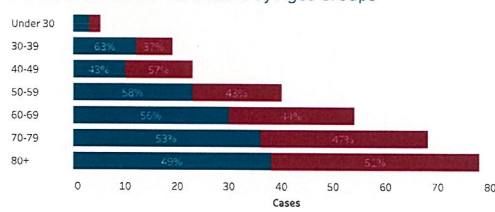
## Total Count of Cases since March



## Bordertown COVID-19 by Age Groups



## Bordertown COVID-19 Deaths by Ages Groups



1. Some Cases are due to delayed reporting
2. Multiple tests performed on same individuals have been de-duplicated.
3. Includes Bordertown

Data is updated Monday - Friday

Data reflects cases reported of the previous day.

Data is reported by the Navajo Epidemiology Center at different times throughout the week. Please note the last updated date.

Cases - Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence

Data is based on notification by states.

This data is provided by the Navajo Department of Health (NDOH) and Navajo Epidemiology Center (NEC) for public information purposes only. Data is collected from various sources and NEC makes every attempt to ensure accuracy and reliability of the data. However, the data is provided "as is" without warranty of any kind. NDOH/NEC disclaims any responsibility as to the quality, accuracy, reliability, timeliness, usefulness or completeness of data or information as provided. Data should not be used as advice or be a substitute for specific advice from a professional. Please be aware that the data may contain errors in collection, analysis and representation and may not meet the needs or expectations of users. Errors may not always be corrected and any use of data is at the risk of the user.

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## THE GREAT NAVAJO NATION

## HONORARIUM, MEMORIAL, RECOGNITION

HONORING THOSE SURVIVORS, FAMILIES, AND LOVED ONES OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES TO COVID-19; RECOGNIZING ALL NAVAJO NATION ESSENTIAL FRONTLINE WORKERS WHO PROVIDED THEIR SACRIFICE, COMMITMENT, AND HARD WORK DURING THE GLOBAL AND NAVAJO NATION COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**WHEREAS**, March 13, 2021, is the one-year anniversary date that the Navajo Nation encountered the COVID-19 Virus; and,

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is an illness caused by a virus that can transmit from person-to-person and has spread across the world and Navajo Nation, creating a global pandemic that is having catastrophic effects on human life, communities, and economy; and,

**WHEREAS**, In response to the rapid spread of COVID-19 and stay-home-orders, essential and frontline workers have made the commitment to provide critical services to help protect our communities and nation to save lives and keep the Navajo Nation Government in operation, and sacrificing their own health and safety; and,

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on our communities exasperating inequities already prevalent in our systems that we must address as a Navajo Nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, Public health guidance and policies targeted at prevention, such as social distancing, wearing face-coverings in public, and staying home help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, prevent illness, and lessen the burden on individuals and society; and,

**WHEREAS**, The symptoms and severity of COVID-19 vary dramatically by individual and the long-term health implications is largely unknown, as many survivors suffer with lingering side-effects of the disease long after they no longer test positive; and,

**WHEREAS**, More than 2 million people worldwide and over 450,000 people in the United States have lost their lives due to COVID-19, and on the Navajo Nation alone, 1,204 lives were lost to this deadly virus; and,

**WHEREAS**, Each life lost due to COVID-19 mattered and leaves a hole in the hearts of loved ones, families, and the surrounding community; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SETH DAMON**, Speaker of the Great Navajo Nation, do hereby honor and memorialize the survivors and families of those who lost their lives to the COVID-19, and to recognize with much appreciation all Navajo Nation Essential and Frontline workers who provided their sacrifice, commitment, and hard work throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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SPEAKER, 24h Navajo Nation Council

# NAVAJO NATION

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6/10/2021

Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Regular Meeting

11:26:29 AM

Amd# to Amd#	Consent Agenda: Legisaltions	PASSED
MOT Tso, O	0032-21; 0047-21; 0052-21;	
SEC Wauneka, E	0060-21; 0065-21; 0066-21;	
	0074-21; 0078-21; 0080-21.....	

Yeas : 19

Nays : 0

Excused : 4

Not Voting : 0

Yea : 19

Begay, E	Freeland, M	Slater, C	Tso, O
Begay, K	Halona, P	Smith	Wauneka, E
Begay, P	Henio, J	Stewart, W	Yazzie
Brown	James, V	Tso, D	Yellowhair
Daniels	Nez, R	Tso, E	

Nay : 0

Excused : 4

Walker, T	Charles-Newton	Crotty	Tso, C
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Not Voting : 0

Presiding Speaker: Damon