

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2019**

**AN ACTION**

**RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY: THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; SELECTING A  
SPEAKER PRO TEM TO PERFORM LIMITED DUTIES FROM JANUARY 15 TO  
JANUARY 28, 2019 OR WHEN THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL CONFIRMS A  
SPEAKER FOR THE 24<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**BE IT ENACTED:**

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102 (A).
- B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(16) "Matters constituting an emergency shall be limited to the cessation of law enforcement services, and disaster relief services, fire protection services or other direct services required as an entitlement under the Navajo Nation or Federal law, or which directly threaten the sovereignty of the Navajo Nation. Such an emergency matter must arise due to the pressing public need for such resolution(s) and must be a matter requiring final action by the Council."
- C. The Navajo Nation Council has the authority to promulgate rules, regulations and procedures for the conduct of its meetings and that of its committees. 2 N.N.C. § 102 (E).

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 282 (C), the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council is selected and confirmed by the Navajo Nation Council as the first order of business at the Council session scheduled for the fourth Monday in January of any odd numbered year.
- B. The 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council Delegates are scheduled to be sworn into office on January 15, 2019.
- C. In order that the selection of a Speaker for the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council be chosen in an orderly and efficient manner and that the necessary administrative and ministerial

duties of the Legislative Branch be fulfilled in the interim a Speaker Pro Tem shall be selected.

**SECTION THREE. SELECTION OF SPEAKER PRO TEM**

- A. The Navajo Nation Council hereby selects the Honorable Seth Damon as Speaker Pro Tem for the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council for the period beginning January 15, 2019 and ending when the Navajo Nation Council confirms the Speaker to be selected on January 28, 2019. 2 N.N.C. §§ 281 (B) and 282 (C).
- B. The Navajo Nation Council hereby authorizes the Speaker Pro Tem to perform the following limited duties from January 15, 2019 thorough January 28, 2019 or when the Navajo Nation Council confirms a Speaker for the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council.
1. Preside over the January 15, 2019 Special Session of the Navajo Nation Council and the Winter Session on January 28, 2019 until the Navajo Nation Council confirms the newly selected Speaker.
  2. Supervise all Program Directors in the Legislative Branch by approval of leave, travel and payment requests. Any perceived need for disciplinary action shall be documented and reported in writing to the newly confirmed Speaker.
  3. When necessary, travel to represent the Navajo Nation upon written request by the Navajo Nation general public, President, or Vice-President of the Navajo Nation, or other sovereign entities such as the federal government, the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah or subdivisions thereof.
  4. Call a work session as needed.
- C. The Navajo Nation Council hereby authorized the Speaker Pro Tem receive, in addition to his or her salary as a Delegate pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 106 (A), the salary enhancement authorized for the Speaker in an amount equivalent to the daily rate of the salary established at 2 N.N.C. § 284 for the period of the Speaker Pro Tem appointment. In addition, for the period of his or her Pro Tem appointment, the Speaker Pro Tem shall be provided either housing in Window

Rock at the Navajo Nation's expense or an official vehicle with which to commute daily from his or her resident to Window Rock.

- D. The Navajo Nation Council hereby discourages travel by the Navajo Nation Council Delegates from January 15, 2019 through January 28, 2019 with the exception of official travel as approved by the Speaker Pro Tem. The Navajo Nation Council Delegates should, however, attend their respective chapter meetings and district meetings as scheduled.

**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 22 in Favor and 00 Opposed, on this 15th day of January 2019.

Edmund Yazzie, Facilitator  
24th Navajo Nation Council

  
Date 01/15/19

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

Facilitator Honorable Edmund Yazzie not voting

**NAVAJO NATION**

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NNC 2019 Session

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**Amd# to Amd#**

**Legislation No. 0001-19**

**PASSED**

MOT Smith  
SEC Brown

Selecting a Speaker Pro Tem  
to Perform Limited Duties from  
Jan. 15, to Jan. 28, 2019

**Yea : 22**

**Nay : 0**

**Excused : 0**

**Not Voting : 2**

**Yea : 22**

Begay, E  
Begay, K  
Begay, P  
BeGaye, N  
Brown  
Charles-Newton

Crotty  
Damon  
Daniels  
Freeland, M  
Halona, P  
Henio, J

James, V  
Nez, R  
Smith  
Stewart, W  
Tso

Tso, C  
Tso, E  
Walker, T  
Wauneka, E  
Yellowhair

**Nay : 0**

**Excused : 0**

**Not Voting : 2**

Yazzie

Tso, D