

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - SECOND YEAR, 2020

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE,
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;
PROCLAIMING THE THIRD WEEK IN JUNE AS DINÉ PRIDE WEEK ON A
RECURRING ANNUAL BASIS

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. The Navajo Nation Council established the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and empowered the Health, Education and Human Services Committee to review and recommend resolutions relating to social services, health, environmental health, education, veterans and veterans' services, employment and labor. 2 N.N.C. § 400(A); 2 N.N.C. § 401 (B).
- C. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. Legislation that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be presented to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A); 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) (9).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council issued a Diné Pride Week Proclamation designated for the week of June 22, 2020 through June 28, 2020. Diné Pride Week Proclamation attached as Exhibit A.
- B. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation states that "President William J. Clinton proclaimed June 2000 as Gay and Lesbian Month and President Barack H. Obama proclaimed June 2016 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month to acknowledge the importance of respect and fair treatment for all people[.]"
- C. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation states that "the Navajo Nation recognizes that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender,

queer, two-spirit people (LGBTQ+) are important to our livelihood and diversity since time immemorial[.]”

- D. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states that “the Navajo Nation will continue to protect its citizens from discrimination based on age, race, disability, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, language, national origin, physical and mental ability, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status and other characteristics that make our citizens unique under the law[.]”
- E. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states that “the Navajo Nation is committed to fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of inclusion, fairness and equality[.]”
- F. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states that “lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit people (LGBTQ+) are ni’hookáá’ diyin diné’é bíla’ ashdla’ii, who are five-fingered, earth-surface holy people who are sacred[.]”
- G. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states “the Navajo Nation stands behind LGBTQ+ members and will continue to uplift all people, both young and long-lived, in their pursuit of basic civil and human rights[.]”
- H. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states “the Navajo Nation shall honor the diverse identities among the Navajo People, who are worthy of love, respect, and fairness under the Law[.]”
- I. Due to the importance of the reasons listed above, the Navajo Nation acknowledges the need to recognize the third week of June as Dine Pride Week on a recurring annual basis.

SECTION THREE. PROCLAMING THE THIRD WEEK IN JUNE AS DINÉ PRIDE WEEK ON A RECURRING ANNUAL BASIS

The Navajo Nation hereby proclaims the third week in June as Diné Pride Week on a recurring annual basis.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 24th 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 14 in Favor, and 08 Opposed, on this 22nd day of July 2020.



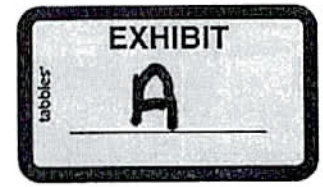
Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker
24th Navajo Nation Council

July 31, 2020
DATE

Motion: Honorable Mark A. Freeland

Second: Honorable Otto Tso

Speaker Seth Damon not voting



The Great Navajo Nation

Proclamation

Diné Pride Week

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation recognizes that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and two-spirit people (LGBTQ+) are important to our livelihood and diversity since time immemorial;

WHEREAS, President William J. Clinton proclaimed June 2000 as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month and President Barack H. Obama proclaimed June 2016 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month to acknowledge the importance of respect and fair treatment for all people;

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation will continue to protect its citizens from discrimination based on age, race, disability, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, language, national origin, physical and mental ability, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status and other characteristics that make our citizens unique under the law;

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation is committed to fostering, cultivating and preserving a culture of inclusion, fairness and equality;

WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and two-spirit people are *ni'hookáá' diyin dine'é bila' ashdla'ii*, who are five-fingered earth-surface holy people that are sacred;

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation stands behind LGBTQ+ members and will continue to uplift all people, both young and long-lived, in their pursuit of basic civil and human rights;

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation shall honor the diverse identities among the Navajo People, who are worthy of love, respect, and fairness under the law;

WHEREAS, the community-driven Diné Equality and Diné Pride organizations continue to promote the interests of all Indigenous LGBTQ+ peoples throughout the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SETH DAMON, Speaker of the Great Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim June 22-28, 2020 as **Diné Pride Week** throughout the Navajo Nation upon approval of the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee and the 24th Navajo Nation Council.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 2020

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, the word "SPEAKER" is printed in capital letters.

SPEAKER

NAVAJO NATION

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	Annual Basis	

Yeas : 14	Nays : 8	Excused : 0	Not Voting : 1
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Begay, K	Freeland, M	Slater, C	Tso, E
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Charles-Newton	Henio, J	Tso, D	Wauneka, E
Crotty	James, V		

Nay : 8

Begay, E	Daniels	Smith	Yazzie
Begay, P	Nez, R	Stewart, W	Yellowhair

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 1

Tso, C

Presiding Speaker: Damon