

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2018

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; ESTABLISHING THE NAVAJO VETERANS HOUSING PROGRAM WITHIN THE NAVAJO VETERANS ADMINISTRATION; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. §1033

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Authorities

- A. The Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 601(B)(14), reviews and makes recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council proposed amendments to the Navajo Nation Code.
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 400(C)(6), exercises oversight authority over veterans services, among other duties and responsibilities.
- C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9), reviews proposed legislation, which requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council.
- D. The Navajo Nation Council sets and establishes policy, and enacts and amends laws of the Navajo Nation. See generally, 2 N.N.C. § 102.

Section Two. Findings

- A. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council were established by the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to CJA-3-16. The Veterans Administration and the Veterans Advisory Council are programs within the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President. 2 N.N.C. § 1031.
- B. Services to Navajo Nation veterans include housing programs. It is necessary that a housing program be created within the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration.
- C. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council supports the establishment of a Veterans Housing Program within the Navajo Veterans Administration. See Exhibit "A".

Section Three. Establishing Veterans Housing Program; Amending Title 2

The Navajo Nation hereby establishes the Navajo Veterans Housing Program within the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration. The Navajo Nation Code, at Title 2, section 1031 *et seq.*, is amended as follows:

TITLE 2. NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT

CHAPTER 5. EXECUTIVE BRANCH

SUBCHAPTER 1. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

Article 3. Navajo Nation Veterans Administration

§ 1031. Establishment

- A. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration is established under the Office of the President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation. The President of the Navajo Nation, after consultation with the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council, shall retain by contract for a term of six (6) years an Executive Director who shall head the Veterans Administration.
- B. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration shall perform its assigned functions as identified in its approved Plan of Operation.

§ 1032. Responsibility and Authority

- A. The Navajo Nation Veterans Act is enacted to establish an executive administration that effectively and efficiently provides outreach, services and benefits to veterans.
- B. In carrying out its responsibilities the Administration, through the Executive Director, is authorized to:
 - 1. Assist individuals in presenting, providing, and establishing claims, privileges, rights and benefits they may have under Navajo, federal, state, or local law.
 - 2. Create outreach services in relation to health, education, employment, housing, and benefits.
 - 3. Collect information relating to veterans as such services and facilities available to Veterans.

- ~~3~~ 4. Adopt rules deemed necessary to administer this Act.
- ~~5~~ 5. Enter into agreements with Veterans' organizations in the Navajo Nation for the purpose of the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Funds pursuant to 12 N.N.C. Sections 1171 *et seq.*
- ~~6~~ 6. Adopt necessary procedures to effectively and efficiently provide services to Veterans.
- ~~7~~ 7. Provide administrative support and technical assistance to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.
- ~~8~~ 8. Seek external funding to ensure creation, expansion and improvement of programs serving veterans throughout the Navajo Nation.
- ~~9~~9. Coordinate and collaborate within the Navajo Nation government, health care facilities, educational institutions, employment entities, and housing programs providing services for Veterans.
- ~~10~~10. Advocate for and promote health care services, educational opportunities, employment opportunities, and housing programs for veterans.

§ 1033. Navajo Housing Program

- A. There is hereby established a Navajo Veterans Housing Program within the Navajo Veterans Administration.
- B. The Navajo Veterans Housing Program shall be administered by the Navajo Veterans Administration.
- C. Duties and Responsibilities of the Navajo Veterans Housing Program shall include administering the Navajo Nation Veterans Administrations Housing Program Policies and Procedures. The Veterans Administration Housing Program Policies and Procedures shall be approved by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, upon recommendation of the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.

Article 4. Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council

§ 1033 1034. Navajo Nation Advisory Council Establishment

§ 1034 1035. Oversight

The Navajo Nation authorizes the establishment of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, the Navajo Veterans Housing Program, and the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council. Legislative oversight shall be provided by the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, which will have final approval of the respective plans of operation.

§ 1035 1036. Amendments

This Article may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Navajo Nation Council upon recommendation from the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.

Section Four. Vote and recommendation required

Pursuant to amendment requirements of Article 3, Title 2, at 2 N.N.C. §1035 (now §1036), a 2/3rds vote of the Navajo Nation Council is required for this action. Further, this action requires recommendation from the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.

Section Five. Effective Date

The Navajo Nation Code amendments enacted herein shall be effective no sooner than the beginning of Fiscal Year 2019, provided the bill is signed into law pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).

Section Six. Codification

The provisions of this Act, which amends or adopts new sections of the Navajo Nation Code, shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

Section Seven. Saving Clause

Should any provision of these amendments 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 the amendments 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 19 in Favor and 01 Opposed, on this 17th day of July 2018.



LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker
23rd Navajo Nation Council


July 27, 2018
Date

Motion: Honorable Seth Damon
Second: Honorable Norman M. Begay

Speaker Bates not voting

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 29th day of July 2018.



Russell Begaye, President
Navajo Nation

2. I, hereby, veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (c)(11), on this _____ day of _____ 2018 for reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker

Russell Begaye, President
Navajo Nation

**RESOLUTION OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL
NAVAJO VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**

Supporting the Establishment of the Navajo Veterans Housing Program within the Navajo Veterans Administration

Whereas:

1. The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council was established by the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to CJA-3-16.
2. The Advisory Council advises the President of the Navajo Nation on matters relative to Navajo veterans.
3. Council Delegate Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr. is introducing legislation on establishing a Navajo Veterans Housing Program within the Navajo Veterans Administration. The Veterans Housing Program will operate pursuant to policies approved by Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.
4. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation that a Veterans Housing Program be established and administered through the Navajo Veterans Administration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council supports the establishment of the Navajo Veterans Housing Program within the Navajo Veterans Administration as proposed by delegate Kee Allen Begay. The Advisory Council supports amendments to Title 2 as follows (or substantially similar thereto):

Article 3. Navajo Nation Veterans Administration

§ 1031. Establishment

A. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration is established under the Office of the President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation. The President of the Navajo Nation, after consultation with the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council, shall retain by contract for a term of six (6) years an Executive Director who shall head the Veterans Administration.

B. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration shall perform its assigned functions as identified in its approved Plan of Operation.

§ 1032. Responsibility and Authority

A. The Navajo Nation Veterans Act is enacted to establish an executive administration that effectively and efficiently provides outreach, services and benefits to veterans.

B. In carrying out its responsibilities the Administration, through the Executive Director, is authorized to:

1. Assist individuals in presenting, providing, and establishing claims, privileges, rights and benefits they may have under Navajo, federal, state, or local law.
- + 2. Create outreach services in relation to health, education, employment, housing, and benefits.
- 2 3. Collect information relating to veterans as such services and facilities available to Veterans.
- 3 4. Adopt rules deemed necessary to administer this Act.
- 5 6. Enter into agreements with Veterans' organizations in the Navajo Nation for the purpose of the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Funds pursuant to 12 N.N.C. Sections 1171 *et seq.*
- 6 7. Adopt necessary procedures to effectively and efficiently provide services to Veterans.
- 7 8. Provide administrative support and technical assistance to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.
- 8 9. Seek external funding to ensure creation, expansion and improvement of programs serving veterans throughout the Navajo Nation.
- 9 10. Coordinate and collaborate within the Navajo Nation government, health care facilities, educational institutions, employment entities, and housing programs providing services for Veterans.
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§ 1033. Navajo Housing Program

A. There is hereby established a Navajo Veterans Housing Program within the Navajo Veterans Administration.

B. The Navajo Veterans Housing Program shall be administered by the Navajo Veterans Administration. The Veterans Housing Program shall be supervised by a Program Manager hired by the Director of the Navajo Veterans Administration pursuant to the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. Personnel of the Veterans Housing Program shall include a Housing Specialist at each agency of the Navajo Nation.

C. Duties and Responsibilities of the Navajo Veterans Housing Program shall include administering the Navajo Nation Veterans Administrations Housing Program Policies and Procedures. The Veterans Administration Housing Program Policies and Procedure shall be approved by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, upon recommendation of the Navajo Nation President.

Article Four. Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council

§ 1033 1034. Establishment

§ 1034 1035. Oversight

The Navajo Nation authorizes the establishment of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, the Navajo Veterans Housing Program, and the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council. Legislative oversight shall be provided by the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, which shall have final approval the respective plans of operation.

§ 1035 1036. Amendments

This Article may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Navajo Nation Council upon recommendation from the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly approved by the Veterans
Advisory Council this 20th day of APRIL, 2018.

7 IN Favor; 0 OPPOSE; 1 ABSTAIN



Chairperson, Veterans Advisory Council

RESOLUTION

Supporting Legislation 0021-18 An Act relating to Law And Order, Health Education and Human Services Committee, Naabik'iyatl', and Navajo Nation Council; Establishing The Navajo Veterans Housing Program Within The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration; Amending 2 N.N.C. SS1033

NAVO- No. 06-18

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to The Navajo Nation Veterans Act; Title II, Section One (E,I,M,N,O,R,T); SS 1032 (B-5,9,10), The Northern Agency Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Navajo Nation through resolution of the Veterans Agency; and
2. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution CMA-25-71; The Navajo Veterans were recognized and an Navajo Nation Veterans Administration was established under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government- Office of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Northern Agency Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Navajo Nation with a Plan of Operation to address the issues, concerns and advocate for all Navajo Veterans; and
4. The Northern Agency Veterans Organization recognizes and acknowledges that it is entrusted to strive toward unification of all Navajo Nation Veterans and Local Leadership to provide leadership and coordinate with the needs of the veterans; and
5. In 1942, the Navajo Nation Council passed a resolution to aid and defend the United States against all subversive and assisted in the United States Selective Services Board to draft the eligible Navajo to serve in the United States Armed Services and reaffirm allegiance to the United States and expression of patriotism; and
6. The Northern Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council were established by the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to CJA-3-16 The Veterans Administration and the Veterans Advisory Council are programs within the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President. @ N.N.C. SS 1031; and
7. The Northern Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges Services to Navajo Nation Veterans include housing programs. It is necessary that a housing program be created within the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration; and
8. The Northern Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council supports the establishment of a Veterans Housing Program within the Navajo Veterans Administration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Supporting Legislation 0021-18 An Act relating to Law And Order, Health education and Human Services Committee, Naablk'iyati', and Navajo Nation Council; Establishing The Navajo Veterans Housing Program Within The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration; Amending 2 N.N.C. SS1033**
- 2. This resolution will establish the Navajo Veterans Housing Program within the Navajo Veterans Administration. It will amend 2 N.N.C. SS1033**

C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

The Northern Agency Veterans Hereby Certifies the Foregoing Resolution that was Considered at a Regular Duly Called Meeting in Upper Fruitland, New Mexico (Navajo Nation) and that same was approved and passed with a vote of 47 in Favor; 00 Opposed and 01 Abstain on the **09th Day of February 2018.**

Motioned: Jerry Todacheenie

Seconded: Lester Light



**Vern R. Lee- Commander
Northern Agency Veterans Organization**



**FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATION
AGENCY MEETING**

P.O. Box 430

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Phone: (928) 871-6413 Fax: (928) 871-7288.

Commander: Olin T. Kieyoomia

Vice Commander: Ryan Sandoval

Secretary: Clara Williams

RESOLUTION

Supporting Legislation 0021-18 An Act relating to Law And Order, Health education and Human Services Committee, Naabik'iyati', and Navajo Nation Council; Establishing The Navajo Veterans Housing Program Within The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration; Amending 2 N.N.C. SS1033

FD- No. 03-02-18

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to The Navajo Nation Veterans Act; Title II, Section One (E,I,M,N,O,R,T); SS 1032 (B-5,9,10), The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Navajo Nation through resolution of the Veterans Agency; and
2. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution CMA-25-71; The Navajo Veterans were recognized and an Navajo Nation Veterans Administration was established under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government- Office of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Navajo Nation with a Plan of Operation to address the issues, concerns and advocate for all Navajo Veterans; and
4. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization recognizes and acknowledges that it is entrusted to strive toward unification of all Navajo Nation Veterans and Local Leadership to provide leadership and coordinate with the needs of the veterans; and
5. In 1942, the Navajo Nation Council passed a resolution to aid and defend the United States against all subversive and assisted in the United States Selective Services Board to draft the eligible Navajo to serve in the United States Armed Services and reaffirm allegiance to the United States and expression of patriotism; and
6. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council were established by the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to CJA-3-16 The Veterans Administration and the Veterans Advisory Council are programs within the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President. @ N.N.C. SS 1031; and
7. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges Services to Navajo Nation Veterans include housing programs. It is necessary that a housing program be created within the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration; and
8. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges The Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council supports the establishment of a Veterans Housing Program within the Navajo Veterans Administration.



**FORT DEFANCE AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATION
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Commander: Olin T. Kieyoomia

Vice Commander: Ryan Sandoval

Secretary: Clara Williams

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Supporting Legislation 0021-18 An Act relating to Law And Order, Health education and Human Services Committee, Naabik'iyati', and Navajo Nation Council; Establishing The Navajo Veterans Housing Program Within The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration; Amending 2 N.N.C. SS1033**
- 2. This resolution will establish the Navajo Veterans Hosing Program within the Navajo Veterans Administration. It will amend 2 N.N.C. SS1033**

C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Hereby Certifies the Foregoing Resolution that was Considered at a Regular Duly Called Meeting in Wide Ruins, Arizona (Navajo Nation) and that same was approved and passed with a vote of 64 in Favor; 00 Opposed and 00 Abstain on the **08th Day of February 2018.**

Motioned: Ty Yazzie

Seconded: Steven Kee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Olin T. Kieyoomia", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

**Olin T. Kieyoomia- Commander
Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization**

NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 1153

7/17/2018

2018 Summer Session

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Legislation 0021-18:Establishing

PASSED

MOT Damon

the Navajo Veterans Housing

SEC Begay, NM

Program within the Navajo
Veterans Administration

Yea : 19

Nay : 1

Excused : 1

Not Voting : 3

Yea : 19

Begay, K

Brown

Jack

Smith

Begay, NM

Crotty

Perry

Tso

Begay, S

Damon

Pete

Witherspoon

BeGaye, N

Daniels

Phelps

Yazzie

Bennett

Hale

Slim

Nay : 1

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Excused : 1

Filfred

Not Voting : 3

Shepherd

Chee

Bates