

Sawmill Veterans' Organization

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Sawmill Chapter
Sawmill, AZ

RESOLUTION OF THE SAWMILL CHAPTER VETERANS' ORGANIZATION

Resolution No. SCVO 2026-02

The Sawmill Chapter Veterans Organization requests the Navajo Nation Council to amend 12 N.N.C. § 1171(B) to increase the Veterans Trust Fund (VTF) annual set-aside from 4% to 8% to ensure comprehensive and flexible services for all Navajo Veterans.

WHEREAS:

1. **PURSUANT** to Navajo Nation Council Legislation **CO-53-25** and **0168-25**, an amendment to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act, Section Three, Sub-Section 1034.A., the Sawmill Chapter Veterans Organization is hereby established.
2. **PURSUANT** to Navajo Nation Council Legislation **CO-53-25**, an amendment to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act, Section Three, Sub-Section 1034.B, the purpose of the Sawmill Chapter Veterans Organization is to provide a mechanism to effectively communicate the unmet needs of Veterans living on or off the Navajo Nation and recommend to the Navajo Nation government and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA) to meet needs and to assist veterans with an effective and efficient dissemination of information to Navajo Veterans regarding availability of resources.
3. **THE** Sawmill Chapter Veterans Organization recognizes that the current 4% set-aside mandated by **12 N.N.C. § 1171(B)** has not kept pace with the significantly increased day-to-day cost of living, including rising expenses for food, fuel, utilities, and emergency supplies faced by our veterans.

NOW THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

1. **THE** Sawmill Chapter Veterans Organization formally requests the Navajo Nation Council to amend **12 N.N.C. § 1171(B)** to increase the mandatory annual transfer to the Veterans Trust Fund from **4% to 8%** of all projected revenues.
 2. **THE** Sawmill Chapter Veterans Organization further requests that this 8% allocation be utilized for flexible, comprehensive services that prioritize the immediate and diverse needs of Navajo Veterans as identified by the 110 Chapter Veterans Organizations.
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called Sawmill Chapter Veterans Organization meeting at Sawmill, AZ, Navajo Nation Arizona, where a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained on this 12th day of March 2026.

MOTION: Tanya Dooline

SECOND: Christine Jesus-Begay

PRESIDING COMMANDER,



Lenora Dez, Commander

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