

Class "C" Resolution
No BIA Action Required.

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Recognizing and Reinstating the Navajo Veterans Task Force
as a Recommending Entity to Advocate Accessibility of
Veterans Benefits and Services for Navajo Veterans
and to Complete Assigned Tasks.

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 2 N.T.C. Section 102 (a), the Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation; and
2. The Navajo Nation Council during the Fall Session of 1991 authorized the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council to establish a task force in response to petitions by Navajo Veterans and their families to address several issues; i.e., accessibility to VA Direct Home Loan Program, accessibility to VA Medical/Benefit Services, a National Native American Veterans Memorial and a Navajo Nation Veterans Memorial Park; and
3. The Native American Veterans Home Loan Program became Public Law 102-547 and was signed into law by President George Bush on October 28, 1992 and currently the regulations and policies for implementation are in draft form; and
4. The VA Mobile Clinic is currently being expanded to start serving Chinle Service Unit within the month of May 1993 and efforts are continuing to expand to other Indian Health Services within the Navajo Nation; and contacts have been made to explore the possibility of converting the present Fort Defiance IHS facility into a VA Medical Center, after the new hospital is constructed; and
5. The Honorable Senator John McCain of Arizona has again introduced Senate Bill 293 for a National Native American Veterans Memorial which is currently before the Senate Select Committee on Veterans Affairs; and
6. The Navajo Nation Veterans Memorial Park is presently going through the right-of-way clearances and has the support of Dineh Spiritual and Cultural Society and is still targeted for dedication on Veterans Day, November 11, 1993; and
7. Based on the goals and objectives of Navajo Veterans Task Force, the Navajo Nation Council determines that

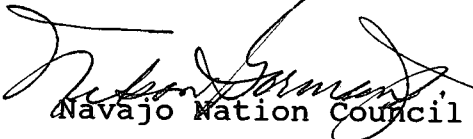
these priority goals should be continued and completed for Navajo Veterans and their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Navajo Nation Council as the governing body of the Navajo Nation hereby recognizes and reinstitutes the Navajo Veterans Task Force as a recommending entity to continue to advocate for Veterans Benefits and Services for Navajo Veterans and to complete the originally assigned tasks.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 41 in favor, 26 opposed and 0 abstained, this 23rd day of April 1993.



Navajo Nation Council

April 27, 1993

Date Signed

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

1. Pursuant to 2 N.T.C. Section 1005 (c)(1), I hereby sign into law the foregoing legislation on this 28 day of April 1993:



Peterson Zah, President
Navajo Nation

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2. Pursuant to 2 N.T.C. Section 1005 (c)(10), I hereby veto the foregoing legislation this ____ day of _____ 1993 for the reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker:

Peterson Zah, President
Navajo Nation

RESOLUTION OF THE
FORT DEFIANCE COMMUNITY CHAPTER

APPROVING AND REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO REALLOCATE PROGRAM NO. 9382 (NAVAJO CODE TALKERS ASSOCIATION) BACK TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH WITH FUNDS (\$75,000) AND REALLOCATE \$35,000 BACK INTO PROGRAM NO. 9385 NAVAJO VETERANS TASK FORCE) WITH THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH.

WHEREAS:

1. The Fort Defiance Community Chapter is a duly recognized chapter of the Navajo Nation Council to coordinate community projects; and
2. The Fort Defiance Community chapter recognizes many veterans with continuous needs such as housing, education, employment training and health assistance; and
3. During the special session of the Navajo Nation Council during March 23-26 and March 29-30, 1993, the Navajo Code Talkers Association and the Navajo Veterans Task Force were deleted from the 1994 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Fort Defiance Community Chapter; hereby, approves and request the Navajo Nation Council to reallocate Program No. 9382 (Navajo Code Talkers Association) and Program No. 9385 (Navajo Veterans Task Force) with funds back under the Legislative Branch.

CERTIFICATION

WE; HEREBY, certify that the foregoing resolution was considered by the Fort Defiance Chapter at a duly called meeting at Fort Defiance, Arizona, at which a quorum was present, and that the same was motioned by Stanley Milford and seconded by Alfred Bryant and was adopted by 32 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained, this 4th day of April, 1993.

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Jimmie Bitsube, Chapter President

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