

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0007-19

DATE: January 22, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION;
AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; SELECTING AND
CONFIRMING THE SPEAKER OF THE 24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

PURPOSE: If approved by the Navajo Nation Council, this legislation would select and confirm the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2019

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AN ACTION
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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation and shall consist of 24 delegates. 2 N.N.C. §102 (A).
- B. The Navajo Nation Council shall select and confirm a Speaker of 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. 2 N.N.C. § 282 (C).

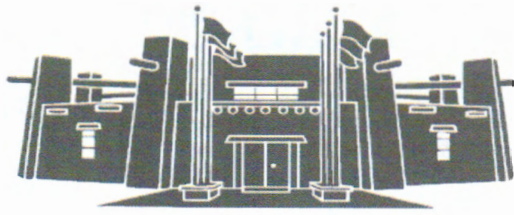
SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. There is established the Office of the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 281 (A).
- B. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall be a member of the Navajo Nation Council in good standing. 2 N.N.C. § 281 (B).
- C. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council and shall serve for a term of two (2) years. 2 N.N.C. § 282 (A) (B).

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SECTION THREE. SELECTION AND CONFIRMATION

- A. The Navajo Nation Council hereby selects the Honorable _____ as Speaker of the 24th Navajo Nation Council.
- B. The Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to its authority under Navajo Nation law, hereby confirms the Honorable _____ to serve as Speaker of the 24th Navajo Nation Council for a two year term with all powers and duties delegated by Navajo Nation law.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Elmer Begay
Dilcon, Indian Wells, Teesto, Whitecone, Greasewood Springs Chapters

FROM: Mariana Kahn
Mariana Kahn, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: January 22, 2019

SUBJECT: PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; SELECTING AND CONFIRMING THE SPEAKER OF THE 24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution.

THE NAVAJO NATION
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SPONSOR: Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

TITLE: An Action To The Navajo Nation Council; Selecting And Confirming The Speaker Of The 24th Navajo Nation Council

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Window Rock, AZ 86515
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5 DAY Comment Period Ended: January 27, 2019

Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	<i>None</i>
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inconclusive Comments (20)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evelyn Roanhorse; recommends Amber Kanazbah Crotty to serve as Speaker. 2. Triston Black; recommends Amber Kanazbah Crotty to serve as Speaker. 3. Rose Nofchissey; recommends Daniel Tso to serve as Speaker. 4. Emmett Kerley; Qualities the NN Speaker should have. 5. Susie Silversmith; recommends Amber Kanazbah Crotty to serve as Speaker. 6. Yolanda Francisco-Nez; recommends Amber Kanazbah Crotty to serve as Speaker . 7. Nikola Toledo; recommends Amber Kanazbah Crotty to serve as Speaker . 8. Nicole Horseherder; recommendations on voting policies. 9. Fannie L. Atcitty; recommends Amber Kanazbah Crotty to serve as Speaker. 10. Cherolynda Bennett; recommends Eugenia Charles-Newton to serve as Speaker . 11. Sonlatsa Sunshine; recommendations that the new Speaker should have.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">12. Ed Becenti; recommendations on voting policies.13. Native Vlogger; recommends Amber Kanazbah Crotty to serve as Speaker.14. Rob Francis; recommends Amber Kanazbah Crotty to serve as Speaker.15. Joan Begay Notah; recommends Amber Kanazbah Crotty to serve as Speaker.16. Lori Goodman; recommendations on voting policies.17. Geraldine V. Benally; recommends Amber Kanazbah Crotty to serve as the new Speaker.18. Adriano K. Tsinigine; recommends Amber Kanazbah Crotty to serve as the new Speaker.19. Eugene Zohnie; recommends Amber Kanazbah Crotty to serve as the new Speaker.20. Lukachukai Chapter; Resolution Number LUK 1901-06, recommends Nelson S. BeGaye as the next Speaker of Council.
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Legislative Secretary II
Office of Legislative Services

1/28/2019 8:46am

Date/Time

Subject: Legislation 007-09 - Speaker of the 24th NN Council

evelyn roanhorse <nanasbah@gmail.com>

Wed 1/23/2019 4:25 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

This position is critical not only for the Navajo Nation Council, but for the overall benefit of the Dine people. I moved off the reservation in the mid 1980's for employment purpose, but continue to be involved by voting at my chapter (Nahata Dzill) for elected officials. I also take advantage of watching Navajo Nation Council sessions on-line. It seems the 23rd Navajo Nation Council spent a lot of the people's money by throwing it at problems, without any in depth analysis of what the funds are for, how their success will be measured, and not looking to see if this would be a duplication of service, and/or if another entity could fund the subject matter. The Speaker confirmed should understand how the Navajo Nation fits within the context of the country (USA & beyond), and responds to it. If the Dine people need to be involved in making an important decision(s), a referendum should be used vs., holding meetings behind closed doors and making decision for the people that may later cause negative impact(s) in some form.

I believe the Honorable Navajo Nation Council Amber K. Crotty would make an excellent 24th Navajo Nation Council Speaker; she is self discipline and understand the depth, breath and context of the Navajo Nation's issues & has experience testifying before Congress. She is committed and passionate about what she does, and does not play political games with Dine people's lives. She is a straight arrow shooter and her message is acknowledged with respect. Please consider her for the Speaker of the 24th Navajo Nation Council. Thank You.

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Evelyn Roanhorse,

Chandler, Arizona 85225.

Legislation 0007-19

Triston Black <tristonblack@outlook.com>

Thu 1/24/2019 4:23 PM

re: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Yá'át'ééh Shinaat'áanii dóó béésh baqhsí'áni
24th Navajo Nation Council,

It is with great hope and enthusiasm that the next Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council has strong Navajo values, principles and teachings that reflect their work for our People.

I encourage the honorable Council Delegates to choose a Speaker that will defend and secure a greater future for our growing Navajo youth. Someone who has proven leadership and has a track record of effective change, that has been in the best interest of the Diné People. I strongly suggest and recommend Honorable Council Delegate Amber K. Crotty to take her stirring sticks, grinding stones and precious stones to be nihinaat'áanii of the 24th NN Council.

I know with her knowledge and authority, she will make decisions for what's best for my generation and future generations to come.

Ahéhec'

Triston Black
Diné Studies Major
Diné College Student

Nomination for Speaker of the House

Rose Nofchissey <rose.nofchissey@gmail.com>

Fri 1/25/2019 3:24 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

I nominate Daniel Tso to serve as Speaker of the House. He has extensive experience, has the capacity to help in settling issues, kind and generous person.

Thank you.

Rose Nofchissey,
Shiprock Chapter

Legislation for Speaker of the House

Rose Nofchissey <rose.nofchissey@gmail.com>

Thu 1/24/2019 8:29 PM

to comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Yá'át'ééh,

One important qualification of the speaker of the house should be that he/she is bilingual in Diné and English to be able to communicate with Diné people.

Ahéhee'.

Rose Nofchissey
Shiprock Chapter

Legislation 0007-19 confirming a new 24th Navajo Nation Speaker.

Friday, January 25, 2019

Submitted by: Emmett Kerley, Vice President Cameron Chapter, WNA

Email: kerley.emmett@yahoo.com

Having had the privilege to serve the Dine' since 1994 in one capacity or another at the community level, I have come believe there are eight general qualities every SPEAKER of the Navajo Nation Council should have in order to remain successful over the long term:

1. Inquisitiveness

People confuse leadership with being in a position that comes with the title of "leader." The smartest leaders are approachable, open to hearing what they don't know, and are always willing to learn.

The leaders who remain open to learning are the ones who continue to live at their optimal capacities. In reality, one of their greatest skills is being able to know what they don't know, and then spending their time and energy filling that insufficiency.

2. Persistence

High caliber leaders tend to show a greater sense of purpose and passion for what they do than other members of the concerned organization.

This can be positive, as they move swiftly and effectively to accomplish goals, as well as negative, when this intensity turns into impatience. As SPEAKER, it's crucial to uphold standards and fulfil those duties as a leader.

3. Courageous

Leaders who are successful in leading transformative change within any organization (and sometimes within an entire industry) are able to embrace risk in a way that is different from the other members of their leadership team.

A Harvard Business Review study noted, extroversion and narcissistic tendencies are by no means standards for leadership. A willingness to take calculated risks, however, was found to be a dominant trait for those playing the role of highly effective CEO or other leadership capacities.

4. Orderliness

Some leaders might not be organized in the conventional sense, as in maintaining a clean and tidy desk, but all successful leaders remain organized in their approach to solving problems within their organizational concerns.

Organized thinking and knowing which issues are only superficially relevant, divergent and which are priorities are crucial for effective leadership. Without organized thinking, problems begin to mount and can conceal the core issues. Great leaders have a knack for seeing past the white noise.

5. Communication

According to a Navalent study, top executives share an ability to remain consistent in their forms of communication. They are able to convey information in language that keeps parties neutral, does not cause or instigate conflict and is easily understandable so that effective action can be taken.

Most leaders know the value of soft skills, and many devote time and effort to refining their communication skills for the betterment of the team and organizations as a whole.

6. Practical Optimism

There is a difference between having your head in the clouds, daydreaming about ideas that sound great in theory but have no real-world application, and realistic optimism.

The greatest leaders are able to conform to rules or standards and remain curious and grounded simultaneously. They are extremely aware of the pieces on the chessboard, and how certain moves will affect the position of the company, but they are also willing to consider solutions others might deem unconventional.

7. Vision

It's the vision of the leader that dictates the future of the organization. Without vision, a leader is merely a celebrated facilitator. Without vision, they are no better than a seasoned manager.

The greatest leaders find ways to continue exploring and nurturing their vision, and ways of testing their vision in the real world without putting their people in danger.

But more important, they also remain open to the feedback of others, especially the rest of their leadership team, to help them refine and develop their vision for the organization. While they may be in the driver's seat, the most successful leaders do not believe themselves to be a one-person show.

In order to be an effective leader, you have to be both confident in your abilities and willing to admit your faults. You have to be certain of your decisions but open to feedback and adjustment. You have to be dedicated to your vision while continuing to ask questions and consider other potential outcomes. You have to master the duality of effective organizational leadership.

8. Emotionally Intelligent

Measuring emotional intelligence is relatively new in the field of psychology, only first being explored in the mid-80s. Several models are currently being developed, but for our purposes, I'll re-count what's known as the "mixed model," developed by psychologist Daniel Goleman. The mixed model has five key areas:

- **Self-awareness:** Self-awareness involves knowing your own feelings. This includes having an accurate assessment of what you're capable of, when you need help, and what your emotional triggers are.
- **Self-management:** This involves being able to keep your emotions in check when they become disruptive. Self-management involves being able to control outbursts, calmly discussing disagreements, and avoiding activities that undermine you like extended self-pity or panic.
- **Motivation:** Everyone is motivated to action by rewards like money or status. Goleman's model, however, refers to motivation for the sake of personal joy, curiosity, or the satisfaction of being productive.
- **Empathy:** While the three previous categories refer to a person's internal emotions, this one deals with the emotions of others. Empathy is the skill and practice of reading the emotions of others and responding appropriately.
- **Social skills:** This category involves the application of empathy as well as negotiating the needs of others with your own. This can include finding common ground with others, managing others in a work environment, and being persuasive.

Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty

Susie Silversmith <suesilversmith@msn.com>

Fri 1/25/2019 4:38 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

I would like to nominate Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty for the Speaker of Navajo Nation Government. Yes, I think it's time. She has integrity, is honest and trustworthy as a leader. Hard worker and gets the job done. I always see her doing things for her people and being around her people and working with them. I don't see any other Navajo Nation Council Delegates doing that. She makes a difference in what she does and works hard at it to get it done. Very well out spoken and knows what she is talking about when she brings issues that need to be address and changed. I am all for Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty to be Navajo Nation Speaker. I hope she gets the job. I hope you choose the right person and nominate her. Presently, I think she does a super job at her work and has proven that by going among her Navajo people and helping them. She will do well in that position. She is a people's person and very well spoken as a Navajo woman. She will do a good, superb job as Speaker.

Thank you, my Chapter is Klagetoh in Arizona.
Susie Silversmith

*There Comes A Time When Silence Is Betrayal -
Martin Luther King Jr.*

Peace is not the absence of war, but the presence of justice. ~~ Martin Luther King Jr.

Re: Amber Kanazbah Crotty for Speaker

Yolanda Francisco-Nez <yfrancisconez@gmail.com>

Fri 1/25/2019 4:48 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

My comment applies to Legislation No. 0007-19. Thank you.

On Fri, Jan 25, 2019 at 4:46 PM Yolanda Francisco-Nez <yfrancisconez@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Honorable Council Delegates:

Please elect Amber Kanazbah Crotty for Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council. As a Diné woman from Tsehootsoi, AZ, I have worked with Delegate Crotty for over two years on important issues concerning Navajo women and children.

She illustrates hozho as she works for Diné both as a professional and on a personal basis. She is a person who deeply values the Diné people and practices her sacred Diné traditions. I have witnessed her respect and love for children and women.

As a human being she regularly thinks about ways to solve our Nation's most contentious issues like violence and sexual assault among other things. She does this with intelligence and wisdom. She's a pragmatic thinker on the Council floor. She is fair-minded and makes a deliberate, often successful, effort to respect even those who strongly disagree. She is fierce and undeniably knows how to navigate challenge.

As far as I know, Delegate Crotty has never thought that she should win an election because she's a woman. Don't elect her for her gender. Elect her as a Diné who illustrates the best of our Nation through her leadership.

Being Speaker is more than governing with rules (which she knows very well), it's balancing competing ideas and issues. She has shown that she bring harmony with her voice and heart. This is what makes her stand apart from others. Her experience and success show us that we can count on her to act with integrity and honesty. Her ability to be transparent and concise is exactly what you need.

Most of all, Delegate Crotty has shown her deep commitment and love for the Diné people. She is humble as she walks the path of leadership. She will make a great stateswoman representing her colleagues and the Diné nationwide.

Sincerely,
Yolanda Francisco-Nez
P.O. Box 1665
Fort Defiance, AZ 86504

Leg 0007-19

Nikola Toledo <nikola.toledo@gmail.com>

Sat 1/26/2019 5:21 AM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Good Afternoon,

I would like Amber Crotty to be Speaker.

I think it is time a strong female is Speaker.

Thank you,

Nikola Toledo

PO Box 85

Pinon, AZ 86510

Legislation 007-19 The vote for Speaker

Nicole Horseherder <nhorseherder@gmail.com>

Sat 1/26/2019 11:10 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

For accountability, transparency please get rid of the secret ballot and make the vote for the Speaker of the 24th NNC transparent and visible to all. While the Speaker serves at the pleasure of the 24th Council, both the Speaker and the Council as a whole serve the people of the Navajo Nation. No vote by the Navajo Nation Council should be secret.

Respectfully,
Nicole Horseherder
Black Mesa, To Nizhoni Ani

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Fannie L. Atcitty <flatcitty@gmail.com>

Sun 1/27/2019 12:29 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Honorable Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

I very much appreciate the opportunity to recommend a candidate for the 2019 Navajo Nation Speaker.

I have heard the echoes for "change" within our great Navajo Nation throughout the 2018 Election. Now is the opportune time to elect a woman for Speakership, that would be the Honorable Delegate Amber Crotty. Her leadership skills, experiences and voice have been seen and heard at all levels of governments. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Fannie Lowe Atcitty
(505)809-0058
Mesa Farm Road 2nd Lane N
PO Box 3320
Shiprock, NM 87420

Legislation 0007-19

CeeBubz Be <ceebubbe@gmail.com>

Sun 1/27/2019 1:48 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

CONGRATULATIONS, 24th Navajo Nation Council Delegates!

One:

I am in favor of replacing the current "Speaker Pro Tem" of the Navajo Nation .

Two:

I appoint Eugenia Charles-Newton to Council Speaker. From what I see, understand and know, she is more than qualified to carry this job/seat with integrity.

Three:

Consider allowing all "legislation votes" by delegate members to be noted, displayed, and visible for all constituents (public) to see. "NAVAJO" would like to hold our delegates accountable for all they accomplish within our tribal government. Transparency/ accountability doesn't start with keeping our delegates' votes confidential!

Four:

I understand that the legislative office is in charge of notifying USTREAM for internet live streaming services. Consider allowing all sessions, committee meetings, and worksessions, retreats, etc., etc., to be streamed live. This would keep council from dipping out of meetings early and priorities the issues in the agenda at hand. This is how i see "Navajo" becoming more involved with the legislative process and understanding the 5 day comment period. We need more constituents to voice/write their concerns on legislations coming down the pipeline- so 110 chapters can help by live streaming these meetings to others who don't have access and livestream.

I'd like to see more accountability and transparency within our tribal government. There are 110 chapters and I'm sure they all can stream the internet to allow the community to watch and understand what's going on in Window Rock. It's all part of being diligent. So many details to include with this comment, but right now these are the basics.

Thank you for all you do, and may you all help the Navajo Nation prosper to the best of your ability for future generations!

Sincerely,
Cherolynda Bennett
Shiprock Chapter- Northern Navajo Nation
(505) 385-7425

Public comment regarding Legislation 0007-19

Sonlatsa Sunshine <sonlatsa.sunshine@gmail.com>

Sun 1/27/2019 3:17 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Cc: Sonlatsa Jim-Martin <sonlatsa@yahoo.com>;

Dear Honorable Council Delegates:

Legislation 0007-19 An Action To The Navajo Nation Council; Selecting And Confirming The Speaker Of The 24th Navajo Nation Council

Please select a Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council that has a record of protecting our Mother Earth and defending our women and children.

Please select a Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council that is from the state of New Mexico to help balance state representation.

Please select a Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council that speaks up for the People first and not big money-making corporations.

Thank you! Ahe'hee'

Sonlatsa Jim-Martin, Navajo voting citizen
Fort Defiance Agency

My COMMENT on Legislation 0007-19

Ed Becenti <reztone@yahoo.com>

Sun 1/27/2019 4:35 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

LEGISLATION 0007-19 COMMENT:

#1. We as VOTERS/CONSTITUENTS tell our respective 24th Navajo Nation Council Delegates to get rid of the 'SECRET BALLOT' vote process/method and resort to a complete and transparent VOTE where ALL Dine'/Navajo constituents will see how & who their elected Council Delegate VOTED for as their SPEAKER.

**Ed Becenti
St. Michaels, AZ
480-313-8070**

Native Vlogger <jacqui.francis17@gmail.com>

Sun 1/27/2019 4:57 PM

to: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

I support Amber

Rob Francis <rob.francis04@gmail.com>

Sun 1/27/2019 5:11 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

I support Amber

Recommendation for Ms Amberl Crotty

JOAN NOTAH <jbnotah@gmail.com>

Sun 1/27/2019 6.18 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Dear Honorable Tribal Council,

As the new administration and 24th tribal council is seated. Please accept our family's recommendation of Council Delegate Ms Amber Crotty as Speaker of the tribal council. We believe that she is the right person to lead the tribal council and has gain enough experience to hold such an honorable position. It is time for the Navajo Nation to move forward to a new government and a new vision in our leadership.

Ahexhee,

Mrs Joan Begay Notah
Kin dah lichee Chapter
PO Box 1216
Ganado AZ 86505

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Joan Notah

Legislation 0007-19

Lori Goodman <lgoodman89@gmail.com>

Sun 1/27/2019 7:30 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Dear Honorable Council Delegates,

RE: Legislation 0007-19 Selecting and Confirming the Speaker of the 24th Navajo Nation Council.

As a voter from Dilkon Chapter, I respectfully request that our 24th Navajo Nation Council Delegates get rid of the 'Secret Ballot' vote and have a transparent vote where all Dine' Voters can see how and who their elected Council Delegate voted for as their Speaker.

Sincerely,

Lori Goodman
Dilkon Chapter Voter

January 27, 2019

Geraldine V. Benally
P. O. Box 1438
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

RE: Legislation No. 0007-19

To Whom It May Concern:

I am recommending the Honorable Amber Crotty for the position of Speaker of the 24th Navajo Nation Council. The reasons for my support of this nomination is the integrity, strength and commitment to the Navajo Nation that has been demonstrated by the Hon. Crotty.

We are in dire need of a leader that will protect the laws of the Navajo Nation and take necessary measures to restore the public's faith in the Navajo Nation government. With all due respect, the Navajo Nation has been plagued with scandals, mismanagement, and incompetence and this has caused many, including the Navajo People, state and federal officials, to question our ability to govern ourselves.

As Speaker, I am confident that the Hon. Crotty will demand accountability on the part of her fellow delegates. I have seen her take a stand when this was an issue in spite of the opposition that she experienced as a result.

I am also confident that Hon. Crotty will adhere to the laws, procedures and policies that are in place. There are many policies, procedures and statutes in place that cannot be overlooked, misinterpreted or ignored because this undermines the credibility of the Navajo Nation.

Hon. Crotty also has a wealth of experience that would lend to her ability to carry out the duties of Speaker. In addition to her experience and education, Hon. Crotty has successfully networked with state and federal officials to promote the Navajo Nation's best interests.

While I could continue to list the reasons I believe that the Hon. Crotty could successfully carry out each and every responsibility of the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, I will instead conclude with my support for her selection as Speaker because she is the most qualified person for the job.

Respectfully,

Geraldine V. Benally

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Adriano Tsinigine <atsinigine33@yahoo.com>

Sun 1/27/2019 10:15 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Yá'át'éeéh Members of the 24th Navajo Nation Council,

My name is Adriano Tsinigine. I am from the Western Agency of the Navajo Nation, and a registered voter of the Coppermine Chapter. On behalf of my family, and respected members of Western Agency, I would like to encourage members of the 24th Navajo Nation Council to endorse and elect Amber Kanazbah Crotty as Madam Speaker for the Navajo Nation Council. I am a graduate of Navajo Preparatory School, class of 2016. In my time at Navajo Prep, along with my Colleague Triston Black, Delegate Crotty has shown tremendous leadership skills to advocate for the youth, and take a stand on the council floor for our people. We need a leader who is ready to work, and who not only represents his/her chapter areas, but the Navajo Nation as a whole. Delegate Crotty can do just that, with the support and guidance of the 24th Navajo Nation Council, and the constituents of the Navajo Nation, we can elect Honorable Delegate Amber K. Crotty as Madam Speaker of the wonderful Navajo Nation. As Diné we honor women, 'Asdzáá nadleehé/Yóólgai 'Asdzáán, Nihimá, Nihimásáni, dóó Nihináí 'Asdzáán. There should be no reason why a strong woman shouldn't be the leader of the legislative branch of the Navajo Nation. 'Ahéhee' nitsáago.

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Eugene Zohnie <gzohnie48ez@gmail.com>

Mon 1/28/2019 3:55 AM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

To Navajo Nation Government

I would highly recommend Amber Crotty to have the position for the Navajo Nation Speaker for 24th council of Navajo Nation. I know she will do a great job for that position. She has done great works as a Council Delegate for my community in Red Valley Arizona. She's will spoken and has ability to hold herself as a Dine' for the Navajo Nation.

Thanks you

Eugene Zohnie
Community Member
Red Valley Arizona



LUKACHUKAI CHAPTER GOVERNMENT
Nelson Begay, Council Delegate
Samuel Yazzie, President
Philip Sandoval Jr., Vice-President
MaryAnn Leonard, Secretary Treasurer
Reederson Descheny, Grazing Representative
Berlinda Mckinley, Community Service Coordinator
Vacant, Account Maintenance Specialist

Johnathan Nez
President

Myron Lizer
Vice-President

**RESOLUTION OF THE LUKACHUKAI CHAPTER OF THE NAVAJO NATION
(APACHE COUNTY) ARIZONA**

Resolution No: LUK 1901-06

The Lukachukai Chapter Government Hereby Approves Recommends and To The 24th Navajo Nation Council To Respectfully Appoint and Select Honorable Nelson S. BeGaye As The Next Speaker of Council

WHEREAS:

1. The Lukachukai Chapter (The Chapter) is continued as a certified Local entity of the Navajo Nation Government; pursuant to the Navajo Nation Local Government Act Title 26, hereby Chapter I, sub-section 1, section 3(a) of the Navajo Nation Code, enacted by the Navajo Nation Council Resolution CAP-34-98; AND
2. The Lukachukai Chapter has the responsibility and is charged with the authority to protect, preserve and promote in the best interest and the general welfare of its Community Members, accordance with the same provision mention above; AND
3. The Lukachukai Chapter is entitled to initiate plans and make recommendations, requests, and make decisions based on the actual community needs as stipulated in Indian Self-Determination Act and Education Reform Act, Public Law 93-638 as mandated by the United States Congress and which was signed into Law by President Richard Nixon; AND
4. Honorable Delegate Nelson S. BeGaye, prevail and won the respect Navajo Nation General Election, from the respective chapters of Rough Rock, Rock Point, Round Rock, Lukachukai, Tsaile and Wheatfield's; AND
5. Delegate BeGaye, has served sixteen (16) years on Navajo Nation Council and within the sixteen (16) years, he served on Resources, Budgets & Finance and Health and Human Services committee of the Navajo Nation Council; AND
6. Prior to his election to the Navajo Nation Council, he served with Navajo Tribal Utility Authority as Deputy District Manager, whereby he gain and obtain experiences in business and government operation, supervision, accountability and procurement process; AND
7. Delegate BeGaye, has background job experiences, education and the Seniority to serve as the Next Speaker for the 24th Navajo Nation Council; AND
8. With today's forecasting of economy and un-stable United State Government, the Legislative Branch Chief "Speaker" must not only have vision, experiences, and

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respect of the other Council Members but must have disciplines, and foresights its community members and the Navajo Nation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Lukachukai Chapter Government hereby recommends Mr. Nelson S. BeGaye, as the next "**Speaker**" for the 24th Navajo Nation Council.

CERTIFICATION

We, the under signee hereby certify the foregoing resolution, was duly consider at a duly called Chapter meeting in Lukachukai on January 17, 2019, with that same was pass with votes of 22 in favor, 0 Opposed and 3 abstained.

Motion: Henry Nez

Seconded: Ben Barney

Samuel Yazzie
Samuel Yazzie, President

Mary Ann Leonard
Mary Ann Leonard, Sec./Treas.