

MODEL CHAPTER RESOLUTION — Publish the Law

Resolution of the _____ Chapter

A working model. Adapt freely. Certified copies to your Council delegate and the relevant standing committee.

WHEREAS, the published Navajo Nation Code Annotated was last comprehensively codified in approximately 2009, and five Titles — including Title 11 (Elections) and Title 26 (the Local Governance Act under which this Chapter operates) — do not appear in its published body; and

WHEREAS, laws enacted by the Navajo Nation Council since that time exist only as individual resolutions, and each such resolution directs that its provisions "shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel" in "the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code," a directive that remains unexecuted; and

WHEREAS, no source, free or commercial, provides the current consolidated law of the Navajo Nation, such that neither the members of this Chapter, nor its officials, nor candidates for Navajo Nation office can reliably read the laws that govern them; and

WHEREAS, the people cannot participate in initiative, referendum, and reform processes, nor hold government accountable, without access to the current law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ Chapter calls upon the Navajo Nation Council to direct and fund, in the next budget, an official, public, current, and freely accessible codification of all enacted laws of the Navajo Nation, with a stated completion date and regular updates thereafter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to this Chapter's Council Delegate, the Office of the Speaker, and the Law and Order Committee, with the request that sponsoring legislation be introduced.

CERTIFICATION

Adopted at a duly called meeting of the _____ Chapter on the ____ day of _____, 2026, at which a quorum was present, by a vote of ____ in favor, ____ opposed, ____ abstaining.

Chapter President Chapter Secretary