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NAHATA DZIIL COMMISSION GOVERNANCE

NDCG-2025-09-033

Supporting the Transfer of Homesite Leasing Authority from ONHIR to the Navajo Nation Land Department

WHEREAS:

Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. § 1 et seq., Nahata Dziil Chapter exercises local governance authority under the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act; and

1. Many residents of Nahata Dziil are relocatee families who received homesite leases and housing assistance through the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation (“ONHIR”); and
2. ONHIR is expected to cease operations by September 30, 2025, requiring the Navajo Nation to assume full responsibility for homesite leasing and related land-use administration; and
3. The Navajo Nation Land Department is authorized to process homesite leases on behalf of the Navajo Nation, with final approval by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

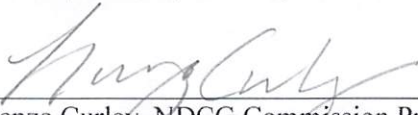
The Nahata Dziil Chapter supports the **transfer of homesite lease administration** for the New Lands to the Navajo Nation Land Department. It requests that all pending and active leases within the Chapter be incorporated into the Navajo Nation’s Homesite Leasing Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Chapter requests the establishment of a **local coordination office or designated staff liaison** to ensure the timely processing of applications, clearances, and lease issuance for Chapter members.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: The Chapter affirms that all revenues from homesite leases and related rights-of-way within Nahata Dziil shall be directed to the Navajo Nation, with proper allocations to Nahata Dziil Chapter and other entities as determined by Navajo Nation law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered thoroughly, discussed and adopted by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained at a duly called meeting at Nahata Dziil Commission Governance of NAVAJO NATION, Sanders, Arizona, on this 12th day of September 2025.


Lorenzo Curley, NDCG Commission President

Motion: Nora Pahi

Second by: Loretta Bahe