



**THE NAVAJO NATION  
FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER**

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**Resolution:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER  
NAVAJO NATION**

**SUPPORTING THE CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTED SPENDING REQUEST FOR 2,000,000  
FROM UNITED STATES SENATORS MARK KELLY AND RUBEN GALLEGOS OFFICE  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 FOR THE N9073 ROCKFALL/ROADWAY PROJECT; FORT  
DEFIANCE, ARIZONA**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Fort Defiance Chapter is duly certified chapter of the Navajo Nation, pursuant to Navajo Nation Code 2, Sections 4001 and 4006, with authority to address and act on the needs and concerns of its people; and
2. Fort Defiance Chapter was governance-certified on January 15, 2016, which provides autonomy in its structure and governance; and
3. Fort Defiance Chapter provides multiple public services to the community, including services that directly affect the safety and health of the community; and
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5. Fort Defiance Chapter is located in Fort Defiance, Navajo Nation, Apache County, Arizona; and
6. Arizona U.S. Senators Mark Kelly and Ruben Gallego released their Congressionally Directed Spending Requests for Fiscal Year 2027; and
7. "Transportation Projects – Roads, Bridges, and Highways" is one of nine eligible direct spending project requested areas; and
8. The N9073 Phase 2 Rockfall/Roadway Project will address the rock/gabion study, design-build process and implementation, contract review, permits and startup, and eventually, it will assist with construction; a phased project supported by the Fort Defiance Chapter; and

9. There are over 100 families who utilize N9073, from seniors, patients, students, employees, and other populations who deserve immediate and prompt attention; and
10. This route is a key thoroughfare connecting Sawmill, AZ and Fort Defiance, AZ (both in Apache County), to tribal, state, and federal services and resources; and
11. The initial phased project is complete (planning and design) and will be ready for construction of a mere 6.6 miles of roadway, while this request will begin to complete the rockfall section (0.9 miles) of the entire project; and
12. If awarded, Fort Defiance Chapter will work closely with the Navajo Nation, the Navajo Department of Transportation, and other respective agents to ensure all funding expenditures comply with reporting measures in accordance with applicable agents and oversight.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Fort Defiance Chapter supports the Congressional Directed Spending request for \$2,000,000 from United States Senators Mark Kelly and Ruben Gallego's office for fiscal year 2027 for the N9073 Rockfall/Roadway project, Fort Defiance, Arizona

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Fort Defiance Chapter at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of \_\_\_\_ in favor, \_\_\_\_ opposed, and \_\_\_\_ abstained, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

Motioned: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tom White, Jr., President