



**THE NAVAJO NATION
FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER**

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Resolution:

**RESOLUTION FOR FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER
NAVAJO NATION**

**SUPPORTING ARIZONA SENATE BILL 1482 (SB1482): AN APPROPRIATION SUBMISSION
FOR THE FORT DEFIANCE SENIOR CENTER IN FORT DEFIANCE, ARIZONA, APACHE
COUNTY, NAVAJO NATION**

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
4. Arizona's 57th legislature – Second Regular Session commenced its 100-day session on January 12, 2026, with statewide budget requests for FY 27' that are ongoing and will be discussed among the Arizona legislatures their session (Senate and House); and
5. Arizona's budget formulas are supported by federal, state, legislative, and non-appropriated appropriations; and
6. Arizona Senate Bill (SB) 1482 is an appropriation submission for the Fort Defiance Senior Center expansion project; to survey, design, plan, and construct with an allocation request of \$1,500,000; and
7. Expanding the Fort Defiance Senior Center will provide additional space for the seniors to congregate, dine, and for additional services, including staff for the Navajo Nation's Fort Defiance Agency's Division for Aging and Long-Term Care Support (DALTCs); and

8. If awarded, this funding request will be distributed to the Navajo Nation, and the Fort Defiance Senior Center and Fort Defiance Chapter will work with the Navajo Department of Health and other respective agents to ensure all funding expenditures comply with reporting measures in accordance with Navajo Nation law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Fort Defiance Chapter supports the State of Arizona SB1482, an appropriation submission for the Fort Defiance Senior Center in Fort Defiance, Arizona, Apache County, Navajo Nation

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 16th day of March 2026.

Motion by: _____ 2nd by: _____

Tom White, Jr., President