

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO TRIBAL COUNCIL

Approving the Establishment of a Navajo Adult Education Program,
and Creating the Navajo Adult Education Board to Administer the
Program

WHEREAS:

1. The failure to provide schools and teachers as specified in the Treaty of 1868 has visited the greatest hardship upon the adult population of Navajos who lost the opportunity in their younger years to acquire even elementary education, and

2. The achievements of the Federal Government in recent years in providing school facilities for Navajo children of school age, made possible by the cooperation of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Congress of the United States, as aided and supplemented by the Navajo Tribe itself in appropriating \$10,000,000 as a scholarship fund and in annually providing school clothes for Navajo children, is at long last successfully attacking the problem of preventing the accumulation of further generations of Navajos lacking in the basic training provided for all other American children, and

3. The fine progress now being made in the education of Navajo children, nevertheless, leaves isolated and unsolved the imperative needs for the education of adult Navajos for whom the new education programs came too late, and there is a vital need on the Reservation to establish a Navajo Adult Education Board to coordinate the various agencies and organizations, State, Federal and private, which have concerned themselves with adult education on the Reservation to the end that a more comprehensive and enriched program can be offered to adult Navajos at a minimum cost to the Navajo Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council be and he hereby is authorized and directed to create a Navajo Adult Education Board and to designate or invite the following Tribal and non-Tribal officials as members thereof:

A. The Education Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council.

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- B. One representative of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, appointed by the General Superintendent, Navajo Agency.
- C. One representative of the United States Public Health Service, appointed by the Senior Medical Officer in Charge of United States Public Health Service activities on the Navajo Reservation.
- D. One representative each from the Universities of the States of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, appointed by such Universities.
- E. One, each, representative from the Public Schools of Arizona and New Mexico, appointed by the respective Superintendents of Public Instruction.
- F. One representative from private industry, appointed by the Chairman, Navajo Tribal Council.

The Chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council Education Committee will serve as the initial Chairman of such Board. The Board may adopt rules and regulations covering its procedures, and may at any time after one year from the effective date of this resolution, elect its Chairman from its own membership. All of the Board members shall serve without compensation, but shall be provided with such funds for expenses as shall be approved in the budget of the Navajo Tribe, and which may be secured from Federal, State and private agencies engaged in aiding adult education.

2. The Navajo Adult Education Board is hereby authorized and requested to develop a Plan of Operation acceptable to all participating agencies and organizations which, upon approval by the Advisory Committee and ratification by the non-Tribal agencies concerned, shall provide the basis upon which the Adult Education Program will be conducted, and under which all Navajo people residing on or near the Navajo Reservation, who desire and can profit by additional training, will be provided with opportunities therefor. The program will have for its purpose the improvement of the minds, interests and living conditions of the greatest possible number of adult Navajos.

3. The courses to be made available to adult Navajos shall be free of charge except in courses where materials are required and sufficient funds are not available to defray costs. The Board shall determine under what circumstances individual students may be required to furnish their own materials. Instruction is to be made available to adult Navajo students in their own communities in chapter houses or other convenient accommodations whenever possible.

4. The Chairman of the Education Committee be and he hereby is authorized, directed and empowered to seek and secure

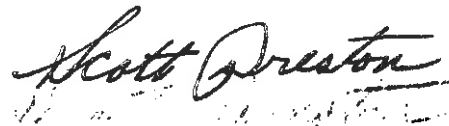
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the financial and technical aid of Federal, State and private agencies interested in and qualified to assist in and contribute to the financing of such program.

5. The Chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council be and he hereby is authorized to do any and all things necessary, advisable or incidental to carrying out the purposes of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Tribal Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 50 in favor and 14 opposed, this 14th day of February, 1961



Vice Chairman
Navajo Tribal Council