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25th Navajo Nation Council celebrates the grand opening of the tribe's Goulding's Lodge



Members of the Navajo Nation Hospitality Enterprise Board, 25th Navajo Nation Council, Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren, and the Navajo Land Department stood together at the grand opening of the Goulding's Lodge.

OLJATO, UT – On Friday, June 14, the 25th Navajo Nation Council strengthened economic opportunity and tribal sovereignty with the grand opening of the tribe's Goulding's Monument Valley Lodge and Tours.

During the 2023 Fall Council Session, the 25th Navajo Nation Council approved Legislation 0156-23, supporting the \$59.5 million purchase of the Goulding's Monument Valley Lodge from the principal of the Land Acquisition Trust Fund. Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren signed the resolution in to law on October 31, 2023.

At the ceremony, Council Delegate Herman Daniels Jr. (Tсах Bii Kin, Navajo Mountain, Shonto, Oljato), who sponsored Legislation 0156-23, thanked all the tribal leaders and departments that worked together to finalize the Goulding's purchase.

"This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity that has the potential to expand the assets included in the property," Delegate Daniels said.

The 670-acre property includes a Monument Valley tour business, an RV campground with

rental cabins, a gas station and convenience store, a grocery store, and an airstrip.

Council Delegate Otto Tso (To' Nanees Dizi) said that the grand opening of the property under the ownership, management, and operation of the Navajo Nation has given many employees and residents a sense of hopefulness.

"We're providing them with opportunity, and we need to continue to build on this," Delegate Tso said.

According to Speaker Crystalyne Curley (Tachee/Blue Gap, Many Farms, Nazlini, Tselani/Cottonwood, Low Mountain), the Goulding's purchase strengthens the Nation's ability to reclaim valuable properties while underscoring its capability to manage and operate these developments.

"Many of our young ones look to our leadership and ask when the Nation will reclaim what truly belongs to it," Speaker Curley said. "Our children are waiting for these opportunities. Hopefully in the next 30 years this lodge will grow into a resort. I thank my colleagues for having this vision to give back to our Nation."

The Goulding's Lodge is now managed and operated by the Navajo Nation Hospitality Enterprise (NNHE). Members of the NNHE Board attended the event.

The grand opening of the Goulding's Monument Valley Lodge and Tours positions the Navajo Nation to develop a tourism property and expand its potential revenue generation while developing the local and regional economy.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council thanks the Goulding Family, the LaFont Family, the Office of the President and Vice President, Navajo Division of Economic Development, Navajo Nation Hospitality Enterprise, and the Navajo Division of Natural Resources for their partnership and collaboration in the successful purchase of the Goulding's Monument Valley Lodge and Tours.

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