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Resources and Development Committee unanimously approves key land lease for Pueblo Pintado Health Center



The Resources and Development Committee's unanimously approved legislation supporting healthcare infrastructure projects in the Pueblo Pintado Chapter of the Navajo Nation.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Monday, the Navajo Nation Council's Resources and Development Committee (RDC) unanimously approved legislation aimed at advancing healthcare infrastructure in the Pueblo Pintado Chapter of the Navajo Nation, located in McKinley County, New Mexico addressing healthcare accessibility and infrastructure development within the Navajo Nation.

Sponsored by Council Delegate George Tolth, Legislation #0257-24 authorizes a land lease of 27.21 acres to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service (IHS). The land within the Pueblo Pintado Chapter vicinity, will be utilized for constructing an access road and a sewage lagoon to support the operations of the Pueblo Pintado Health Center.

The companion Legislation #0258-24 approves a 79.48-acre land lease for the construction of the Pueblo Pintado Health Center compound and associated staff quarters. The lease agreement, also with IHS, ensures the development of a centralized healthcare facility designed to meet the medical needs of the local Navajo population.

Council Delegate George Tolth, the sponsor of both pieces of legislation, emphasized the transformative impact these projects will have on the Pueblo Pintado Chapter. “The approval of these land leases paves the way for a state-of-the-art health center that will bring much needed healthcare services directly to our people. This is a step toward reducing health disparities and improving the quality of life for the residents of Pueblo Pintado and surrounding areas,” said Tolth.

The Resources and Development Committee’s unanimous vote in favor underscores the Navajo Nation’s commitment to prioritizing healthcare infrastructure projects. RDC Chair Brenda Jesus commended the collaborative efforts that brought the legislation to fruition. “These projects reflect our dedication to working with federal partners to address longstanding challenges in healthcare delivery. The RDC will continue to support initiatives that bring critical services closer to the Navajo people,” Jesus added.

The development of the Pueblo Pintado Health Center and its associated facilities represents a major advancement in healthcare accessibility for the eastern region of the Navajo Nation. The compound will not only provide essential medical services but also create employment opportunities and stimulate local economic growth. Additionally, the inclusion of staff housing ensures the retention and recruitment of healthcare professionals, a crucial need in rural areas.

With RDC approval secured, the Indian Health Service can proceed with detailed project planning and implementation.

The Navajo Nation Council continues to work closely with federal agencies to address critical healthcare needs and ensure that all communities have access to quality services. The Pueblo Pintado Health Center project exemplifies these efforts, reaffirming the Nation’s commitment to the well-being of its people.

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