

## 25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

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## Speaker's written report delivered during the opening day of 2025 Winter Session



Speaker Crystalyne Curley delivered her written report to the 25th Navajo Nation Council

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – Today, during the opening day of the 2025 Winter Council Session, Speaker Crystalyne Curley delivered her written report to the 25th Navajo Nation Council, focusing on advocacy, progress, community engagement, and highlighting the achievements of the Office of the Speaker during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2025.

"As we reflect on our shared journey and the teachings of our elders, I am reminded that our strength lies in our unity and commitment to one another," said Speaker Curley. "Together, we are creating a legacy of progress and resilience that will serve as a foundation for the next 100 years. This is a historic time for the Navajo Nation, and I am honored to continue working alongside the 25th Navajo Nation Council to advocate for our people and deliver meaningful change."

The Speaker's report highlighted her efforts to address critical issues such as water rights, economic development, and federal and state legislative priorities. Speaker Curley commitment to the passage of key water rights legislation, which will secure access to essential water resources and funding for infrastructure water projects that will benefit future generations. These priorities emphasize the Council's determination to ensure the sustainability and prosperity of Diné communities.

Speaker Curley also outlined her proactive engagement with the Trump Vance Administration and the 119th Congress to advance priorities such as the reauthorization of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA), protection of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), and increased support for veterans and healthcare programs. These efforts aim to address the unique challenges faced by the Navajo Nation while fostering self-reliance and economic growth.

Speaker Curley highlighted recent legislative achievements, including the protection of the Navajo Nation's ARPA funds through a comprehensive Interagency Agreement. This decisive action ensures that critical resources remain available for community development and infrastructure projects. Additionally, Speaker Curley acknowledged the Council's efforts to streamline processes and reduce barriers to progress, positioning the Navajo Nation for long-term success.

Speaker Curley concluded her report with a call to action, urging collaboration and forward-thinking leadership. "We must continue to work together with determination and purpose," she stated. "Our ancestors laid the groundwork for us, and it is our responsibility to build upon their legacy for the benefit of our children and grandchildren. The 25th Navajo Nation Council remains committed in our duty to serving the Diné people and ensuring a prosperous future for all."

The 2025 Winter Council Session marks two years since the 25th Navajo Nation Council took office, a period marked by progress and a resolute focus on the needs of the Navajo people. As the governing body moves forward, it will continue to prioritize collaboration, advocacy, and cultural preservation to address the evolving needs of the Nation.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council accepted Speaker's Report, the Office of the Controller, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Services, the Attorney General, and the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council's reports as written with a vote of 10 in favor and eight opposed. The Speaker's Report can be viewed and downloaded at www.navajonationcouncil.org, under 2025 Winter Session Reports and Presentations.

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