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Navajo Nation Council Fall Session to Bring Awareness to Boarding School Survivors, Indigenous Women, and Domestic Violence

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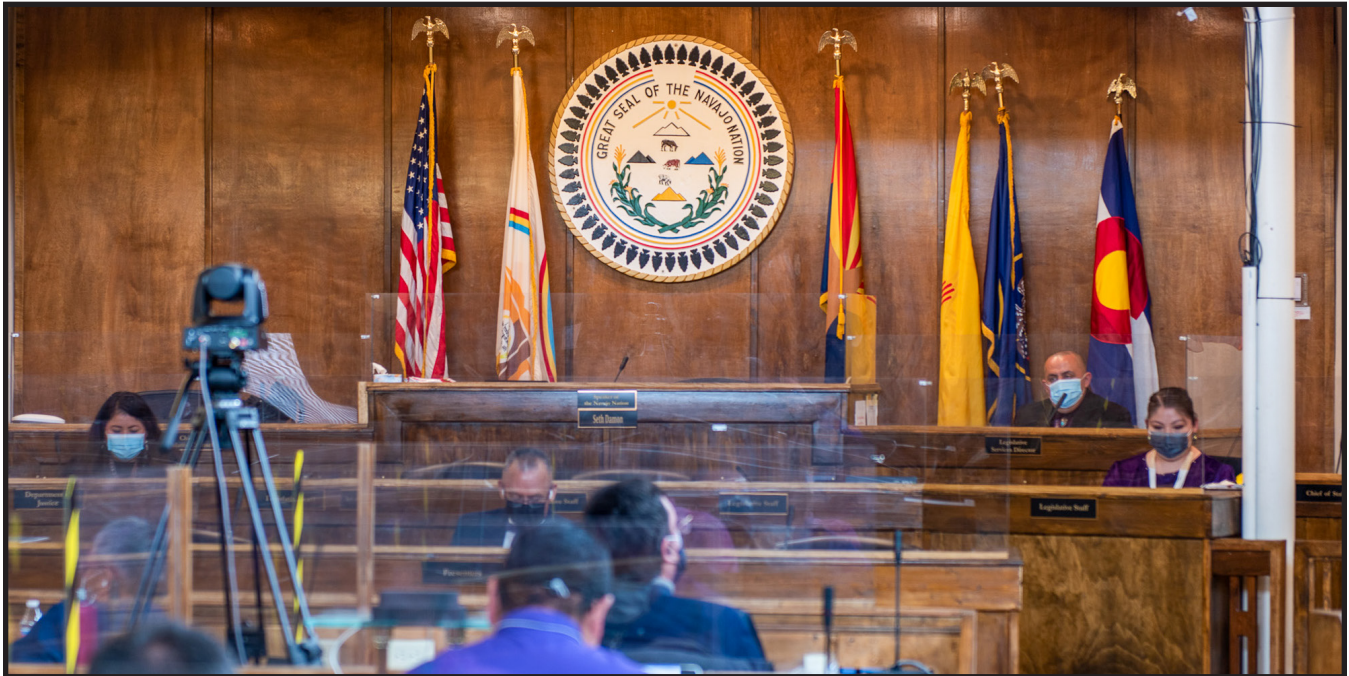


PHOTO: Navajo Nation Council Winter Session held in January 2021.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The 24th Navajo Nation Council announces themes for the 2021 Fall Session from Oct. 18 to 22, 2021, at the Navajo Nation Council Chambers in Window Rock, Ariz.

The week raises awareness of domestic violence, bullying, and breast cancer prevention while honoring boarding school survivors and all missing and murdered Diné relatives.

“Our people continue to journey through many challenges and traumas, but it is the teachings of our elders that guide us forward with Hozhó,” said Council Delegate Herman Daniels Jr. (Ts’ah Bii’ Kin, Navajo Mountain, Shonto, Oljato). “As naat’áaniis from our communities, K’é is the catalyst in bringing people together. We have to move forward and begin to heal as a people.”

Several legislations go before the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee next week before full consideration by the Council at the fall session.

“Every quarter the Navajo Nation Council convenes in the people’s house to discuss and plan for the future of our great nation,” said Speaker Seth Damon (Bááháálí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Tsé Łichíí, Rock Springs, Tsayatoh) “We invite everyone to wear the colors of each day to bring awareness to the issues impacting families around Diné Bikéyah. October brings us a new year so let us work together to address the critical needs of the Navajo people.”

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Among the bills listed on the proposed agenda for the Naabik'iyáti' Committee is to approve \$68 million in Síhasin Funds for the Department of Water Resources to complete twelve water connection projects in Eastern Agency.

Legislation No. 0206-21 provides \$1.8 million from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance (UUFB) in emergency funding for 110 Navajo Nation Chapters to assist with monsoon flood relief and winter preparations.

The Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) is requesting \$27,991,281 million in Síhasin Funds for the completion of 2,794 utility projects.

Legislation No. 0201-21 approves the transfer of the Navajo Transit System from the Division of General Services to the Navajo Division of Transportation.

The legislative process requires a majority of approval to be considered for the proposed agenda at the fall session.

Fall Session Themes include:

Monday, Oct. 18 - National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- Wear Purple to honor the voices of the countless people - victims and survivors - impacted by domestic violence.

Tuesday, Oct. 19 - National Bullying Prevention Month

- Wear Blue to bring awareness to the long-lasting trauma and years of physical, mental, and emotional strain bullying and cyberbullying have on young people.

Wednesday, Oct. 20 - Missing & Murdered Diné Relatives (MMDR) Awareness

- Wear Red to acknowledge the work of the MMDR task force and honor the lives of all missing and murdered Indigenous people.

Thursday, Oct. 21 - National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- Wear Pink to raise hope for those affected by breast cancer through early detection, education, and support services for survivors.

Friday, Oct. 22 - Surviving Boarding Schools & Survivors of iiná

- Wear Orange or Turquoise to remember the families and communities impacted by the legacy of Indian boarding schools and to remember the Indigenous children who never returned home.

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NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

– FALL SESSION DAILY COLORS –

MONDAY
10/18

**NATIONAL DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AWARENESS
MONTH**

Wear Purple to honor the voices of the countless people - victims and survivors - impacted by domestic violence.

TUESDAY
10/19

**NATIONAL BULLYING
PREVENTION MONTH**

Wear Blue to bring awareness to the long-lasting trauma and years of physical, mental, and emotional strain bullying and cyberbullying have on young people.

WEDNESDAY
10/20

**MISSING & MURDERED
DINE RELATIVES**

Wear Red to acknowledge the work of the MMDR task force and honor the lives of all missing and murdered Indigenous people.

THURSDAY
10/21

**NATIONAL BREAST
CANCER AWARENESS
MONTH**

Wear Pink to raise hope for those affected by breast cancer through early detection, education, and support services for survivors.

FRIDAY
10/22

**SURVIVING BOARDING
SCHOOLS & SURVIVORS**

Wear Orange or Turquoise to remember the families and communities impacted by the legacy of Indian boarding schools and to remember the Indigenous children who never returned home.