RECOMMENDING LUKE S. BEGAY TO RECEIVE BENEFITS FROM THE NAVAJO VETERANS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. The Shiprock Chapter of the Navajo Nation acts on this resolution pursuant to the authority conferred on the Chapter through Navajo Nation Code Title 26, Chapter 1. Section B. Purpose, which states, “Through adoption of this Act, the Navajo Nation Council delegates to Chapters governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Law, including custom and tradition;” and

2. The Shiprock Chapter supports any efforts that are made to provide safe and adequate housing for our constituents, and

3. The Shiprock Chapter understands that the Navajo Nation Council has appropriated funds to the Navajo Veterans Program for the construction of homes for Veterans and their families, and

4. The Shiprock Chapter membership is pleased to support Luke S. Begay who is applying for housing assistance from the Navajo Veterans Program, and

5. Luke S. Begay does have a current homesite lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shiprock Chapter membership hereby supports Luke S. Begay to receive housing benefits from the Navajo Veterans Program.

Motioned by: ___________________________ Seconded by: ___________________________

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented and considered at a duly called Chapter meeting at which a quorum was present and that the same was approved by a vote of ___ in favor, ___ opposed and ___ abstentions on this 13th day of October, 2014.

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Duane H. Yazzie, President                        Tommie Yazzie, Vice President

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Dr. J. Kaibah Begay, Secretary/Treasurer                        Russell Begaye, Council Delegate
URGING THE NAVAJO NATION ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICES OF THE NAVAJO NATION TO ALLOW CHRISTOPHER CLARK DESCHENE AND FANNIE L. ATCITY TO REMAIN ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS:

1. The Shiprock Chapter is a duly certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation, established and recognized by the Navajo Nation Council as a foundation of the Navajo Nation government, vested with the authority to plan and implement projects in the best interests of the community, IAW 26 N.N.C., Section 103 (D); and

2. By resolution CAP-34-98, the Navajo Nation Council approved the “Local Governance Act” wherein the Navajo Nation Council delegated governmental authority to the Chapters of the Navajo Nation to address matters of local concern in accordance with Navajo law, customs and traditions; and

3. The Shiprock Chapter voters have expressed their full support for Navajo Nation Presidential candidate, Mr. Chris Deschene, to have the Navajo Nation Election office to keep Chris Deschene on the Navajo Nation Presidential General Election; and

4. The Shiprock Chapter recognizes that the Navajo Nation Fundamental laws recognize and affirm the Peoples’ Right to Choose their Leader; and

5. The Voters of Shiprock Chapter recognizes the Navajo Nation Bill of Rights and The Fifteenth Amendment, XV, the right to vote in the United States and the Navajo Nation, where the U.S. Constitution prohibits the federal, state and tribal governments from denying a citizen’s right to vote regardless of “race, color, or previous condition of servitude”; and

6. The Shiprock Chapter recognizes and supports our Navajo community people to develop viable communities through modern and traditional education locally and/or off the Navajo Nation in order to bring back knowledge to help our Navajo Nation and local communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Urging the Navajo Nation Elections Administration and other appropriate offices of the Navajo Nation to allow Christopher Clark Deschene and Fannie L. Atcitty to remain on the ballot for the Navajo Nation President General Election.

Motioned by: ___________________________ Seconded by: ___________________________

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented and considered at a duly called Chapter meeting at which a quorum was present and that the same was approved by a vote of ___ in favor, ___ opposed and ___ abstentions on this 13th day of October 2014.

Duane H. Yazzie, President

J. Kaibah Begay, Secretary/Treasurer

Tommie Yazzie, Vice President

Russell Begaye, Council Delegate
RESOLUTION OF THE SHIPROCK CHAPTER

RECOMMENDING THE BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS & THE OFFICE OF NAVAJO ELECTION ADMINISTRATION TO FORTHWITH AN IMMEDIATE RESOLVEMENT OF THE CURRENT QUAGMIRE OF A GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE

1. The Shiprock Chapter acts on this resolution pursuant to the authority conferred to the Chapter through Navajo Nation Code Title 26, Chapter 1., Section B. Purpose, which states “Through adoption of this Act, the Navajo Nation Council delegates to Chapters governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Law, including custom and tradition;” and

2. The Shiprock Chapter further as a governmental body oversee and manages the activities of its citizens with goals of improvement in the Shiprock Community.

3. The Shiprock Chapter has by far, the largest registered voters within its precinct according to the record of the Navajo Nation Election Office; thereby making the Shiprock Chapter voice a weighted and credible authority, that must be acted on by Navajo Nation governmental official, or for that matter, any other governmental body on issues of great concern expressed by the Chapter.

4. The 2014 Navajo Nation Presidential Election is currently underway with Navajo registered voters having selected their choice in the Navajo Nation Primary Election that has taken place on August 26, 2014.

5. The result of the Navajo Nation Primary Election produced two main viable candidates for the General Election scheduled for November 4, 2014, and that the voters have selected two ideal candidates to choose from for their next President.

6. The Navajo voters have selected former Navajo President Joe Shirley, and Christopher Deschene.

7. The chapter is currently following the contested primary election in the Office of Administrative Hearing. The result most likely will be filed in the Navajo Supreme Court. The contested election was incepted by two (2) losing candidates regarding the qualification of Christopher Deschene for not a fluent Navajo Language speaker.

8. The disputed contest is currently going through judicial process that may or may not correct the contested issue to a satisfactory conclusion including the disregard of choice having been made by the people through casting of their ballots for Mr. Christopher Deschene as their choice.

9. The Shiprock Chapter states that Navajo language speaking for a Navajo President is not a necessary requirement of great weight because times have changed since that protocol of speaking Navajo language requirement was codified; since then, more and more Navajos have opted their choice to speak English as their main language.

10. In addition, most meetings of the Navajo Tribal Council and their sub-committees; various tribal commissions, employees of the Navajo Nation departments day-to-day businesses are conducted in English Language noting that some council delegates do not speak fluent Navajo as well.
11. Therefore, a fair, and equitable reconciliatory directive must be issued by the Office of Navajo Election Administration and the Board of Election Supervisor wherein the Navajo Traditional concept of Ke’ must be recognized and followed as the main foundation of Navajo Fundamental Law.

12. In a democratic society, as Navajo Nation has always insisted that it is a democratic nation, that the desire of the people is the foremost precious right; therefore, their choice of Christopher Deschene as a candidate in the upcoming General Election is of a highest exercise of democratic right to election process.

13. It is the opinion of the Shiprock Chapter that Navajo Language is a skill that can be learned; certainly those Navajos who desire to speak the language can learn the language.

14.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shiprock Chapter membership hereby approves the foregoing resolution recommending the Office of the Navajo Election Administration and the Board of Election Supervisors to mandate a directive that is fair and equitable that incorporates reconciliation on fluency of the Navajo Language requirement with Navajo Custom and Tradition spearheading the Concept of Ke’ as a fundamental Navajo Law, to forthwith certify Christopher Deschene as an official candidate for the position of Navajo President for the General Election.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented and considered at a duly called Chapter meeting at which a quorum was present, and that the same was approved by a vote of _____ in favor; _____ opposed, and _____ abstention on this _____ day of ________________, 2014.

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Duane H. Yazzie, President                               J. Kaibah Begay, Secretary/Treasurer

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Tommie Yazzie, Vice President                             Russell Begaye, Council Delegate
RESOLUTION OF THE SHIPROCK CHAPTER

RECOMMENDING THE NAVAJO NATION SUPREME COURT TO ALLOW THE SHIPROCK CHAPTER TO SUBMIT AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL IN CHRISTOPHER DESCHENE ELECTION NOMINATION CONTEST APPEAL

1. The Shiprock Chapter acts on this resolution pursuant to the authority conferred to the Chapter through Navajo Nation Code Title 26, Chapter 1., Section B. Purpose, which states “Through adoption of this Act, the Navajo Nation Council delegates to Chapters governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Law, including custom and tradition;” and

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9. The Shiprock Chapter states that Navajo language speaking for a Navajo President is not a necessary requirement of great weight because times have changed since that protocol of speaking Navajo language requirement was codified; since then, more and more Navajos have opted their choice to speak English as their main language.

10. In addition, most meetings of the Navajo Tribal Council and their sub-committees; various tribal commissions, employees of the Navajo Nation departments day-to-day businesses are conducted in English Language noting that some council delegates do not speak fluent Navajo as well.
11. Therefore, a fair, and equitable reconciliatory directive must be issued by the Office of Navajo Election Administration and the Board of Election Supervisor wherein the Navajo Traditional concept of Ke’ must be recognized and followed as the main foundation of Navajo Fundamental Law.

12. In a democratic society, as Navajo Nation has always insisted that it is a democratic nation, that the desire of the people is the foremost precious right; therefore, their choice of Christopher Deschene as a candidate in the upcoming General Election is of a highest exercise of democratic right to election process.

13. It is the opinion of the Shiprock Chapter that Navajo Language is a skill that can be learned; certainly those Navajos who desire to speak the language can learn the language.

14. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 13 of the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the Shiprock Chapter hereby requests of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court to allow the Shiprock Chapter to file Amicus Curiae Brief to enlighten the Court on the issues being appealed that bears information on issues to consider by the Court in its final ruling and opinion.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shiprock Chapter membership hereby approves the foregoing resolution recommending the Navajo Nation Supreme Court to allow the Shiprock Chapter to file Amicus Curiae (Friend of the Court) Brief to inform and enlighten the Court on the role of the Navajo Language in the current society of the Navajo people, and whether such knowledge and speaking of the Navajo Language is directly required for leadership of the Navajo Nation, and any such other issues and information that may assist the Court to make a fair and equitable judgment and opinion.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented and considered at a duly called Chapter meeting at which a quorum was present, and that the same was approved by a vote of ____ in favor; ____ opposed, and ____ abstention on this ____ day of ____________, 2014.

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Duane H. Yazzie, President                J. Kaibah Begay, Secretary/Treasurer

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