

## Navajo Nation Council welcomes community advocates to start the Summer Council Session

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council welcomed several groups to Window Rock on July 16, many of which spent the last several days traveling many miles by horseback, bicycle, and jogging to take part in the annual tradition to mark the start of the Summer Council Session.

As the groups arrived, over 250 people along with Speaker LoRenzo Bates welcomed the participants to the fairgrounds where each group was provided time to speak to bring awareness to several issues including domestic violence, healthy living, youth advocates, and others.

Council Delegates Walter Phelps, Nelson S. BeGaye, Jonathan Hale, Alton Joe Shepherd, Steven Begay, Dwight Witherspoon, and Otto Tso were among the delegates who participated in the horse ride or were present to support the groups.

“On behalf of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council, I thank all of the groups for joining us for the Summer Session and as we honor and recognize them for their accomplishments,” Bates said.

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President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez also shared their appreciation at the event. Nez led a group of runners and spoke about the important of healthy living.

On July 17, the groups made their way from the fairgrounds to the Council Chamber for the start of the Summer Council Session.

The proposed agenda, which is subject to change, lists a total of 18 legislations that may be considered during this week's session. The Office of the Speaker will once again partner with the Office of Broadcast Services to live-stream the Summer Session via the Council's designated Ustream channel.

Please visit [ustream.tv](http://ustream.tv) and search for "Navajo Nation Council" in the search box to view live proceedings beginning Monday morning.

You may also view the proposed agenda by visiting [www.navajonationcouncil.org](http://www.navajonationcouncil.org) and clicking on the "meetings" link.