

RESOLUTION OF THE  
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF THE  
21<sup>ST</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year, 2010

AN ACTION

RELATING TO JUDICIARY; APPROVING EMPLOYEE POLICIES AND  
PROCEDURES FOR THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE NAVAJO NATION

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Findings

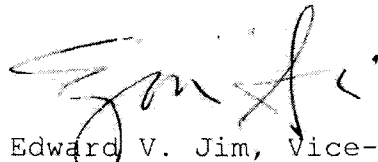
- A. The Judiciary Committee of the Navajo Nation Council was established to improve the administration of justice on the Navajo Nation by ensuring an independent judiciary free from political influence in its deliberative process that remains accountable and responsible to the Navajo Nation for its administrative and operational activity. 2 N.N.C. §572(A).
- B. The Judiciary Committee is authorized to exercise all powers necessary and proper to fulfill the above purposes pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §574.
- C. The Judiciary Committee of the Navajo Nation Council exercises oversight responsibility over the operations of the Judicial Branch pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §574(A), and is empowered to review and approve personnel policies for Judicial Branch employees pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §574(L).
- D. In order to maintain its independence of operation, the Judiciary must be free to regulate its personnel independent of the coordinate Branches of the Navajo Nation Government. See *Gudac v. Marianito et al.*, 1 Nav. R. 385 (Nav. Ct. App. 1978).
- E. The Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation has promulgated a set of Employee Policies and Procedures and presented them for approval by the Judiciary Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

**Section 2. Approving the Employee Personnel Policies and Procedures**

The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Employee Policies and Procedures of the Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Judiciary Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote 4 in favor and 1 opposed, this 05<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010.



Edward V. Jim, Vice-Chairperson  
Judiciary Committee

Motion: Harold Wauneka  
Second: Ernest Yazzie