



# RESOLUTION OF THE SHIPROCK CHAPTER SHIPROCK, NAVAJO NATION



## SUPPORTING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATION THAT PROPOSES TO NAME THE SHIPROCK TO GALLUP PORTION OF THE US491 AS "SENATOR JOHN PINTO HIGHWAY"

### 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 1, 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 the inclusivity provided by the Diné Fundamental Law, in that "it is entirely appropriate for the government itself to openly observe these fundamental laws", and
2. Shiprock Chapter members, as well as the many travelers on the former US666 and renamed US491 experienced travel for many years on one of the most dangerous highways where there have been numerous vehicle crashes, vehicle/pedestrian accidents that have resulted in many fatalities, and
3. The Shiprock Chapter region voter constituency was instrumental in electing Mr. John Pinto to serve the people as a Senator in the New Mexico State Legislature , and
4. The Shiprock Chapter enjoyed many years of collaboration with Senator John Pinto as he fought to champion the many needs of people and communities in his legislative district, in his efforts he has successfully garnered funding support for his Navajo Chapters for all manner of need and he further took up the challenge of assuring the improvement of the US491 as a safety and health need, and
5. Senator Pinto's tenacious effort for the permanent improvement of US491 took a number of years and approximately \$200M resulting in the four-laning of the highway between Shiprock and Gallup thereby successfully addressing a serious and tremendous need for northwest New Mexico and the Navajo Nation.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shiprock Chapter hereby strongly and unequivocally supports the legislation before the New Mexico State Legislature that proposes to name the Shiprock to Gallup portion of the US491 as "Senator John Pinto" Highway".

Motioned by: Joe Ben, Jr.

Seconded by: Nancy Todea

### 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 62 in favor, -0- opposed and -0- abstentions on this 06<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017.

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