

1 A MEMORIAL

2 COMMENDING NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY FOR ITS HISTORY OF  
3 SUCCESS IN SERVING STUDENTS AND FOR ITS EVOLUTION FROM A  
4 THRIVING VOCATIONAL CENTER TO A RESPECTED UNIVERSITY AND  
5 HONORING THE UNIVERSITY FOR ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

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7 WHEREAS, Navajo technical university has a long  
8 tradition of offering educational opportunity to students  
9 from its main campus in Crownpoint, New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, the university has seen consistent growth since  
11 the establishment of its predecessor, the Navajo skills  
12 center, which was created to meet a growing demand for  
13 training in vocational trades; and

14 WHEREAS, after a few years of service to students, in  
15 1985, the Navajo skills center became the Crownpoint  
16 institute of technology, which offered associate degree  
17 programs; and

18 WHEREAS, following significant expansion in higher  
19 education services, in 2006, the Crownpoint institute of  
20 technology earned the name "Navajo Technical College", which  
21 offered a broad curriculum and a second instructional site in  
22 Chinle, Arizona; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2010, the college implemented its first  
24 baccalaureate degree, a bachelor of applied science in  
25 information technology, and celebrated outstanding programs

1 in computer science, digital manufacturing and new media; and

2 WHEREAS, the college was named among the top one hundred  
3 twenty community colleges in the United States in 2011 and  
4 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2012, the college achieved an outstanding  
6 graduation rate of eighty-one percent; and

7 WHEREAS, in August 2013, the Navajo Nation council and  
8 Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly authorized the college to  
9 begin operations as "Navajo Technical University", the Navajo  
10 Nation's first university and the third tribal university in  
11 North America; and

12 WHEREAS, the university is particularly proud to be  
13 offering bachelor's degrees in computer and electronics  
14 engineering, creative writing and new media and a master's  
15 degree in Dine culture, language and leadership; and

16 WHEREAS, the university looks forward to the continual  
17 development of some of its strongest programs, including  
18 science, technology, engineering, mathematics and Dine  
19 studies, and to continuing its record of engaging with the  
20 community through internships, sports and community  
21 education;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Navajo technical university be  
24 recognized for its commitment to quality higher education and  
25 the community and for preserving Dine culture and for its

1 history of continual growth and evolution; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
3 transmitted to the president of Navajo technical university  
4 and Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly. \_\_\_\_\_

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