

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

20<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Third Year, 2005

AN ACTION

RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS; ENACTING THE DINÉ MARRIAGE  
ACT OF 2005; AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE

BE IT ENACTED:

The Navajo Nation Council hereby enacts the Diné  
Marriage Act of 2005, as follows:

Section 1. Enactment of the Diné Marriage Act of 2005

The Navajo Nation Council hereby enacts the Diné  
Marriage Act of 2005.

Section 2. Amendments to Title 9 Navajo Nation Code

The Navajo Nation Council hereby amends the Navajo  
Nation Code, Title 9, as follows:

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§1. Validity generally

A. Marriages contracted outside of the Navajo Indian  
Country Nation are valid within the Navajo Indian-Country  
Nation if valid by the laws of the place where contracted,  
with the exception of marriages that are void and  
prohibited by Section 2 of this Title.

B. Marriages may be validly contracted within Navajo Indian  
Country by meeting the requirements of 9 N.N.C. §§3 and 4.

§2. Plural marriages void

A. All plural marriages contracted, whether or not in  
accordance with Navajo custom, shall be void and  
prohibited.

B. Marriage between parents and children, including grandparents and grandchildren of every degree, between brothers and sisters of one-half degree, as well as whole blood, and between uncles and nieces, aunts and nephews and between first cousins, is prohibited and void.

C. Marriage between persons of the same sex is void and prohibited.

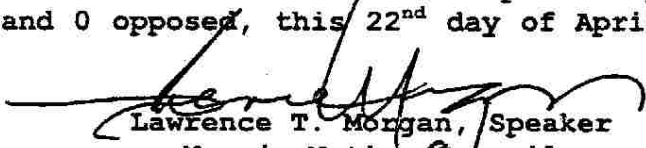
§3. Purposes

The purposes of marriage on the Navajo Nation are to promote strong families and to preserve and strengthen family values.

All subsequent sections shall be renumbered, as necessary.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 67 in favor and 0 opposed, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2005.

  
Lawrence T. Morgan, Speaker  
Navajo Nation Council  
22 April  
Date

Motion: Harry Goldtooth  
Second: Alice White

ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:

1. I hereby sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C) (10), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2005.

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Joe Shirley, Jr., President  
Navajo Nation