

1 **NAVAJO CODE TALKER RECOGNITION**

2 2019 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Jani Iwamoto**

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6 Cosponsor:

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9 **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

11 This bill designates Navajo Code Talker Day, and designates certain highways as
12 Navajo Code Talker Highway.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

- 14 This bill:
- 15 ▶ designates Navajo Code Talker Day;
 - 16 ▶ designates portions of Highways 162, 163, and 191 in San Juan County as the
17 Navajo Code Talker Highway;
 - 18 ▶ requires the Department of Transportation to install signs to indicate the designation
19 of the Navajo Code Talker Highway; and
 - 20 ▶ makes technical changes.

21 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

- 22 This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2020:
- 23 ▶ to the Department of Transportation -- Operations/Maintenance Management --
24 Maintenance Administration, as a one-time appropriation:
 - 25 • from the General Fund, One-time, \$9,000.

26 **Other Special Clauses:**

27 None

28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **63G-1-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 39

31 ENACTS:

32 **72-4-218**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



34 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

35 Section 1. Section **63G-1-401** is amended to read:

36 **63G-1-401. Commemorative periods.**

37 (1) The following days shall be commemorated annually:

38 [~~(a) Bill of Rights Day, on December 15;~~]

39 [~~(b) Constitution Day, on September 17;~~]

40 [~~(c) Yellow Ribbon Day, on the third Monday in May, in honor of men and women
41 who are serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces around the world in defense
42 of freedom;~~]

43 [~~(d) POW/MIA Recognition Day, on the third Friday in September;~~]

44 [~~(e) Indigenous People Day, on the Monday immediately preceding Thanksgiving;~~]

45 [~~(f) Utah State Flag Day, on March 9;~~]

46 [~~(g) Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, on March 29;~~]

47 [~~(h)~~] (a) Utah History Day at the Capitol, on the Friday immediately following the
48 fourth Monday in January, to encourage citizens of the state, including students, to participate
49 in activities that recognize Utah's history; [and]

50 (b) Utah State Flag Day, on March 9;

51 (c) Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, on March 29;

52 (d) Yellow Ribbon Day, on the third Monday in May, in honor of men and women who
53 are serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces around the world in defense of
54 freedom;

55 [~~(i)~~] (e) Juneteenth Freedom Day, on the third Saturday in June, in honor of Union
56 General Gordon Granger proclaiming the freedom of all slaves on June 19, 1865, in Galveston,

57 Texas;

58 ~~[(f)]~~ (f) Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita Awareness Day, on June 30; [and]

59 (g) Navajo Code Talker Day, on August 14;

60 ~~[(k)]~~ (h) Rachael Runyan/Missing and Exploited Children's Day, on August 26, the

61 anniversary of the day three-year-old Rachael Runyan was kidnaped from a playground in

62 Sunset, Utah, to:

63 (i) encourage individuals to make child safety a priority;

64 (ii) remember the importance of continued efforts to reunite missing children with their

65 families; and

66 (iii) honor Rachael Runyan and all Utah children who have been abducted or

67 exploited[-];

68 (i) Constitution Day, on September 17;

69 (j) POW/MIA Recognition Day, on the third Friday in September;

70 (k) Indigenous People Day, on the Monday immediately preceding Thanksgiving; and

71 (l) Bill of Rights Day, on December 15.

72 (2) The Department of Veterans and Military Affairs shall coordinate activities, special

73 programs, and promotional information to heighten public awareness and involvement relating

74 to Subsections ~~[(1)(c) and (d)]~~ (1)(d) and (j).

75 ~~[(3) The month of October shall be commemorated annually as Italian-American~~

76 ~~Heritage Month.]~~

77 ~~[(4) The month of November shall be commemorated annually as American Indian~~

78 ~~Heritage Month.]~~

79 ~~[(5)]~~ (3) The month of April shall be commemorated annually as Clean Out the

80 Medicine Cabinet Month to:

81 (a) recognize the urgent need to make Utah homes and neighborhoods safe from

82 prescription medication abuse and poisonings by the proper home storage and disposal of

83 prescription and over-the-counter medications; and

84 (b) educate citizens about the permanent medication disposal sites in Utah listed on

85 useonlyasdirected.org that allow disposal throughout the year.

86 (4) The second full week of April shall be commemorated annually as Animal Care
87 and Control Appreciation Week to recognize and increase awareness within the community of
88 the services that animal care and control professionals provide.

89 (5) The third full week of June shall be commemorated annually as Workplace Safety
90 Week to heighten public awareness regarding the importance of safety in the workplace.

91 (6) The first full week of May shall be commemorated annually as State Water Week
92 to recognize the importance of water conservation, quality, and supply in the state.

93 (7) The second Friday and Saturday in August shall be commemorated annually as
94 Utah Fallen Heroes Days to:

95 (a) honor fallen heroes who, during service in the military or public safety, have
96 sacrificed their lives to protect the country and the citizens of the state; and

97 (b) encourage political subdivisions to acknowledge and honor fallen heroes.

98 (8) The third full week in August shall be commemorated annually as Drowsy Driving
99 Awareness Week to:

100 (a) educate the public about the relationship between fatigue and driving performance;
101 and

102 (b) encourage the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Transportation to
103 recognize and promote educational efforts on the dangers of drowsy driving.

104 ~~[(9) The third full week of June shall be commemorated annually as Workplace Safety~~
105 ~~Week to heighten public awareness regarding the importance of safety in the workplace.]~~

106 ~~[(10) The second full week of April shall be commemorated annually as Animal Care~~
107 ~~and Control Appreciation Week to recognize and increase awareness within the community of~~
108 ~~the services that animal care and control professionals provide.]~~

109 (9) The month of October shall be commemorated annually as Italian-American
110 Heritage Month.

111 (10) The month of November shall be commemorated annually as American Indian
112 Heritage Month.

113 Section 2. Section **72-4-218** is enacted to read:

114 **72-4-218. Navajo Code Talker Highway.**

115 (1) There is established the Navajo Code Talker Highway composed of the existing
116 Highway 162 in San Juan County from the Utah-Colorado border near Aneth to Bluff, then
117 Highway 191 and Highway 163 southwest through Mexican Hat to the Utah-Arizona border
118 near Monument Valley.

119 (2) In addition to other official designations, the Department of Transportation shall
120 designate the portions of the highway identified in Subsection (1) as the Navajo Code Talker
121 Highway on future state highway maps.

122 (3) As soon as practicable, the Department of Transportation shall install appropriate
123 signs along portions of highway indicating the designation as the Navajo Code Talker Highway
124 as described in Subsection (1).

125 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

126 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
127 2019, and ending June 30, 2020. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
128 fiscal year 2020. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
129 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
130 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

131 ITEM 1

132 To Department of Transportation - Operations/Maintenance Management

133 From General Fund, One-time \$9,000

134 Schedule of Programs:

135 Maintenance Administration \$9,000

136 The Legislature intends that the use of these funds is limited to the costs of procuring
137 and installing road signs for the Navajo Code Talker Highway.