

1                                   **NAVAJO CODE TALKER RECOGNITION**

2   2019 GENERAL SESSION

3   STATE OF UTAH

4                                   **Chief Sponsor: Jani Iwamoto**

5                                   House Sponsor: Christine F. Watkins

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8   **LONG TITLE**

9   **General Description:**

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

12   **Highlighted Provisions:**

13           This bill:

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

20   **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

21           This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2020:

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

25   **Other Special Clauses:**

26           None



27 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

28 AMENDS:

29 **63G-1-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 39

30 ENACTS:

31 **72-4-218**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

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

34 **63G-1-401. Commemorative periods.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

57 [~~(j)~~] (f) Arthrogyrosis Multiplex Congenita Awareness Day, on June 30; [and]

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

59 ~~[(k)]~~ (h) Rachael Runyan/Missing and Exploited Children's Day, on August 26, the  
60 anniversary of the day three-year-old Rachael Runyan was kidnaped from a playground in  
61 Sunset, Utah, to:

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

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

65 (iii) honor Rachael Runyan and all Utah children who have been abducted or  
66 exploited[-];

67 (i) Constitution Day, on September 17;

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

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

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

71 (2) The Department of Veterans and Military Affairs shall coordinate activities, special  
72 programs, and promotional information to heighten public awareness and involvement relating  
73 to Subsections ~~[(1)(c) and (d)]~~ (1)(d) and (j).

74 ~~[(3) The month of October shall be commemorated annually as Italian-American~~  
75 ~~Heritage Month.]~~

76 ~~[(4) The month of November shall be commemorated annually as American Indian~~  
77 ~~Heritage Month.]~~

78 ~~[(5)]~~ (3) The month of April shall be commemorated annually as Clean Out the  
79 Medicine Cabinet Month to:

80 (a) recognize the urgent need to make Utah homes and neighborhoods safe from  
81 prescription medication abuse and poisonings by the proper home storage and disposal of  
82 prescription and over-the-counter medications; and

83 (b) educate citizens about the permanent medication disposal sites in Utah listed on  
84 useonlyasdirected.org that allow disposal throughout the year.

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

88 (5) The third full week of June shall be commemorated annually as Workplace Safety

89 Week to heighten public awareness regarding the importance of safety in the workplace.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

113 **72-4-218. Navajo Code Talker Highway.**

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

118 (2) In addition to other official designations, the Department of Transportation shall  
119 designate the portions of the highway identified in Subsection (1) as the Navajo Code Talker

120 Highway on future state highway maps.

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

124 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

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

130 ITEM 1

131 To Department of Transportation - Operations/Maintenance Management

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

133 Schedule of Programs:

134 Maintenance Administration \$9,000

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