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**TITLE: An Action Relating To NAABIK'IYATI Committee; Approving And Adopting The Legislative Priorities Of The Navajo Nation As Determined By The 24th Navajo Nation Council Relating To The State Of Arizona And Including Colorado Outreach Efforts**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

**Tracking No.** 0016-20

**DATE:** January 16, 2020

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE NAVAJO NATION AS DETERMINED BY THE 24<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RELATING TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA AND INCLUDING COLORADO OUTREACH EFFORTS

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is approve the 2020 priorities with the State of Arizona and including Colorado outreach efforts.

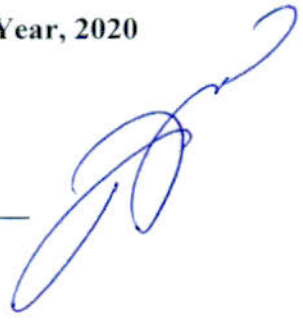
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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
24<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL— Second Year, 2020

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACTION  
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BY THE 24<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RELATING TO THE STATE OF  
ARIZONA AND INCLUDING COLORADO OUTREACH EFFORTS

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Statements of policy, enactment of positive law, intergovernmental agreements, budget resolutions, and reallocations, must be reviewed and approved by resolution by the appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation Council except as otherwise provided herein. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A).
- B. Statements of policy are written statements submitted to federal, state or local governments by a Navajo Nation official stating the official position of the Navajo Nation on proposed legislation or other action by that government. 2 N.N.C. § 110 (W).
- C. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'iyáti' Committee to assist and coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed county, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701(A)(6).

1 D. The 2020 Arizona Legislative Priorities provides a list of topics addressed during the  
2 Naabik'iyáti' Committee's State Affairs Task Force Subcommittee meetings.

3 E. The Navajo Nation's legislative priorities for the State of Arizona are as follows:

4 1. Community Development

- 5 a. TPT for economic development or Pursue efforts to end dual taxation
- 6 b. Pursue Teller TPT bill to return more TPT to the tribe
- 7 c. Appropriation for senior/veterans center in Ganado
- 8 d. Annual appropriation for tribal colleges: Dine College/NTU/TON  
9 College/San Carlos College
- 10 e. NN TPT Rural Tribal Bill 15% of TPT to Navajo Nation for economic  
11 infrastructure and public safety in addition to 15% going to Navajo colleges
- 12 f. Public safety projects with NM at Shiprock and Fort Defiance
- 13 g. Establish a joint-use National Guard post/veteran's office
- 14 h. Increase infrastructure development in Bennett Freeze area
- 15 i. DES Chinle Building
- 16 j. First Net
- 17 k. Uranium Remediation
- 18 l. Gallup-Window Rock Water Project
- 19 m. NGS/Arizona water certificates

20 2. Economic Development

- 21 a. TPT for economic development (same as 1. a., above)
- 22 b. Previous NN TPT Rural Tribal bill/ 15 % of TPT to Navajo in addition to 15  
23 % now going to tribal colleges
- 24 c. Teller bill allowing tribes to retain more TPT annually
- 25 d. Support Navajo gaming viability and growth and maintain casino gaming as  
26 exclusive to tribes
- 27 e. Assist with state and federal agencies to enhance Navajo Nations's economic  
28 development efforts
- 29 f. Monitor the Innovation and other Arizona Corporation Commission dockets  
30 for changes that would risk the viability of the Four Corners Power Plant



1 3. Education

- 2 a. Appropriation for tribal colleges remedial education efforts: NTU, San  
3 Carlos Community College, Tohono O'Odham Community College  
4 b. Support Governor Ducey's plan for additional K-12 funding; 20% over three  
5 years.  
6 c. Expand and continue Arizona Code Writers Education Program for Navajo  
7 students.  
8 d. Oppose any additional measure of Desegregation Phase Down, which cost  
9 Arizona schools, serving Navajo funding.  
10 e. Continue to advocate for expanding Tribal College Dual Credit Program.  
11 f. Advocate for increase funding for Office of Indian Education  
12 g. Support Arizona policy change to have Arizona funding for students  
13 attending schools across state lines  
14 h. Oppose the elimination of desegregation funding for Arizona public schools

15 4. Public Safety

- 16 a. Public safety projects with New Mexico  
17 b. Continue support for First Net implementation  
18 c. Pursue liquor sale restrictions within a certain number of miles from the  
19 Navajo Nation border

20 5. Social Services

21 Seek to increase TANF funding lifetime limit

22 6. Sovereignty

23 Monitor and intervene on any legislation or Arizona administrative action which  
24 negatively impacts Navajo's rights or sovereignty

25 7. Health Care

- 26 a. Prevent the reduction in eligibility in the AHCCCS for Navajos  
27 b. Support the passage of legislation that allows AHCCCS payment for tribal  
28 members for chiropractic services  
29 c. Dental care for tribal members  
30 d. Diabetes management

1 e. AZ health education centers

2 8. Natural Resources

3 a. Monitor AZ public lands subject to federal condemnation by that may impact  
4 the Navajo Nation

5 b. Monitor possible developments that could harm Navajo businesses

6 c. Monitor the acquisition of lands near Navajo businesses

7 d. Assist with NNGE land on SR89 going into trust by dealing with state  
8 officials

9 e. Support LCR settlement process

10 f. Oppose Arizona water legislation that endangers Navajo's ground water or is  
11 harmful to Navajo

12 g. Assist with the implementation of the Gallup Window Rock pipeline

13 h. Monitor next round of Colorado river discussions for any impact on Navajo

14 i. USDA, NRC, NN, State memorandum on soil and water conservation that  
15 negatively affects Navajo's rights or sovereignty.

16 9. Navajo Veterans

17 a. Native American tax settlement extension

18 b. Ensure sufficient state budget funding for the Arizona Department of  
19 Veteran's Services to serve Navajo Veterans

20 c. Establish CBOC (Community Based Outpatient Clinic) on the Navajo Nation

21 d. Explore the establishment of a Navajo veteran's cemetery

22 10. Transportation

23 a. Change current AZ fuel IGA from 12 cents to the NN and 6 cents to the state  
24 to allow all 18 cents to stay on the NN

25 b. Highway 191 road project/\$25 million

26 c. HURF Fund ceasing sweeps language

27 d. Highway 60 Navajo-Hopi projects

28 e. US Bridge Bundle project/4 bridges

29 f. Determine NN Policy for Arizona Rights-of-Way on Navajo trust land  
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1 g. NDOT to join ADOT data system to give ADOT Navajo road information to  
2 empower ADOT funding

3 11. Colorado Outreach

- 4 a. Meet with Huerfano and Custer County leaders
- 5 b. Meet with Representative Tipton
- 6 c. Meet with Governor Schutz
- 7 d. Meet with Senators Bennet and Gardner

8 F. The Navajo Nation Naabik'íyáti' Committee's State Affairs Task Force Subcommittee  
9 recommends the Naabik'íyáti' Committee approve the priorities as indicated herein.

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11 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

12 The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Navajo Nation's legislative priorities relating to the  
13 State of Arizona for 2020 as determined by the 24th Navajo Nation Council and authorizes  
14 the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, and their designees, and the  
15 Naabik'íyáti' Committee, to advocate the position of the Navajo Nation with the State of  
16 Arizona, State of Arizona Legislature, Arizona State Agencies, and the State of Arizona  
17 Governor's Office for the preservation of funding and policies in the Navajo Nation's  
18 priority areas.  
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