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TITLE: An Action relating to Health, Education and Human Services Committee, and Naabik'iyati' Committee; For the purpose of Discussion, Reaffirmation, and Possible Amendment of NABIN-70-18 Titled "An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyati' committees; Respectfully requesting the United States Veteran Affairs Administration to Establish a Veterans Hospital and Create Personnel Positions to Address Housing and Benefits on the Navajo Nation for Navajo Nation Veterans"

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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

DATE:

January 31, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION, REAFFIRMATION, AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF NABIN-70-18 TITLED "AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES VETERAN AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A VETERANS HOSPITAL AND CREATE PERSONNEL POSITIONS TO ADDRESS HOUSING AND BENEFITS ON THE NAVAJO NATION FOR NAVAJO NATION VETERANS"

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to reaffirm and possibly amend NABIN-70-18.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

	OLD PERIOD: Health, Education & Human Services Com	mittee
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	ction: 02.12.19 Naabik'íyáti' Com	ımittee
1	PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION	
2	24 <sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2019	
3	INTRODUCED BY	
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6	Primary Sponsor  TRACKING NO. 0021-19	
7	TRACKING NO. 0021-19	
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9	AN ACTION	
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11	RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND	
12	NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION,	
13	REAFFIRMATION, AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF NABIN-70-18 TITLED "AN	
14	ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND	
15	NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES	
16	VETERAN AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A VETERANS HOSPITAL	
17	AND CREATE PERSONNEL POSITIONS TO ADDRESS HOUSING AND BENEFITS ON	
18	THE NAVAJO NATION FOR NAVAJO NATION VETERANS"	
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20	WHEREAS:	
21	A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education and Human Services Committee	
22	("HEHSC") as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered	
23	HEHSC to review and recommend resolutions regarding veterans and/or veteran services.	
24	2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 400 (A), 401 (B)(6)(a) (2012). See also CO-45-12.	
25	B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation	
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27	Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to	
28	coordinate with all committees, Chapters, branches and entities concerned with all	
29	Navajo appearances and testimony before Congressional committees, and	
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- departments of the United States government. See 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 700 (A), 701 (A)(7)(8) (2015); See also CO-45-12.
- C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United States of America, Treaty of 1868, Aug. 12, 1868, 15 Stat. 667.
- D. The Naabik'íyáti Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council passed NABIN-69-18 titled "AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' **SERVICES** COMMITTEES; RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED **STATES VETERAN AFFAIRS** ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A VETERANS HOSPITAL AND CREATE PERSONNEL POSITIONS TO ADDRESS HOUSING AND BENEFITS ON THE NAVAJO NATION FOR NAVAJO NATION VETERANS" and is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. The 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council hereby reaffirms NABIN-70-18 as passed by the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council.
- B. The Navajo Nation through the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council respectfully requests the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans hospital and personnel positions to address housing and other veteran benefits on the Navajo Nation for Navajo veterans through NABIN-70-18 and this resolution.
- C. The Navajo Nation through the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, Navajo Washington Office and their designees, to advocate for this request.