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TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'íyáti' Committee; Requesting the Arizona Governor Ducey to include Highway 191 in the Smart Highway Corridor Initiative to install broadband conduit and fiber optic cable

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET Tracking No. 0096-20

DATE: April 16, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; REQUESTING THE ARIZONA GOVERNOR DUCEY TO INCLUDE HIGHWAY 191 IN THE SMART HIGHWAY CORRIDOR INITIATIVE TO INSTALL BROADBAND CONDUIT AND FIBER OPTIC CABLE

PURPOSE: The purpose of the resolution is for the Navajo Nation to supports Governor Ducey's Smart Highway Corridor Initiative.

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.

	HOLD PERIOD: Naabik'iyati' Committe	е
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	Date: 04-22-20 Action: 04-23-20	
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13	HIGHWAY CORRIDOR INITIATIVE TO INSTALL BROADBAND CONDUIT	
14	AND FIBER OPTIC CABLE	
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16	WHEREAS:	
17	A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyati' Committee as a Navajo Nation	
18	Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'iyati' Committee to	
19	coordinate all requests for information, appearances, and testimony relating to	
20	proposed county, state and federal legislation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701 (A)(6).	
21	B. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of	
22	Arizona.	
23	C. Governor Ducey announced major new investments in rural broadband. The	
24	Governor stated: "We need to connect all parts of our growing state. Rural areas still	
25	lack high-speed Internet. Let's triple our investment in rural Broadband Grants, and	
26	also invest \$50 million in Smart Highway Corridors to install broadband along our	
27	rural interstates. This will make our highways safer and smarter than ever before and	
28	pave the way to get all of rural Arizona logged on." See, Exhibit B.	
29	D. The inititative the Governor speaks about includes "Smart Highway Corridors":	
30	Nearly \$50 million in funding for Smart Highway Corridors will enable the Arizona	

Department of Transportation to install over 500 miles of broadband conduit and fiber optic cable along designated highway segments throughout rural areas of the state. The new corridors will improve highway safety while providing future broadband capacity for smart infrastructure projects in Arizona's rural and tribal areas.

- E. Highway 191 runs through the Navajo Nation and if it were included in the Smart Highway Corridor, it would provide broadband accessibility to a large part of the Navajo Nation and rural Arizona.
- F. Several Navajo Nation Chapters have spoken with resolutions to request Governor Ducey include Highway 191 in the Smart Highway Corridor. Those Navajo Nation Chapter resolutions are attached as Exhibit A and include Nahata Dziil Commission of Governance, Many Farms Chapter, Ganado Chapter, Round Rock Chapter, Tselani-Cottonwood Chapter, Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter and Wide Ruins Community Chapter.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. The Navajo Nation supports Governor Ducey's Smart Highway Corridor Initiative, attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council,
 President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to advocate for the Navajo
 Nation's portion of Highway 191 to be included in the Smart Highway Corridor.