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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naa'bi'iyati' Committee: Requesting the United States Postal Services to provide an oral and written report to the Navajo Nation Council regarding improvements to the postal services offered to the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0221-21

**DATE:** October 28, 2021

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO PROVIDE AN ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORT TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE POSTAL SERVICES OFFERED TO THE 110 NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, will request the United States Postal Service (USPS) to present a written and oral report concerning the state of postal services at the 110 chapters and how such postal services will be upgraded under the USPS' Delivering for America Ten (10) Year Plan.

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

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2021  
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11 AN ACTION  
12 RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; REQUESTING THE  
13 UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO PROVIDE AN ORAL AND WRITTEN  
14 REPORT TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL REGARDING  
15 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE POSTAL SERVICES OFFERED TO THE 110  
16 NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS  
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18 WHEREAS:

- 19 1. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation  
20 Council standing committee and empowered the Committee, as a matter of policy, to  
21 review and continually monitor the programs and activities of federal and state  
22 departments and to assist development of such programs designed to serve the Navajo  
23 People and the Navajo Nation through intergovernmental relationships between the  
24 Navajo Nation and such departments; 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 700(A), and 701  
25 (A)(7).  
26 2. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United  
27 States of America, Treaty of 1868, Aug. 12, 1868, 15 Stat. 667.  
28 3. Rural Navajo communities have limited access to telecommunication services and  
29 community members rely heavily on receiving mail and packages through the U.S.  
30 Postal Service, but over the last century, if not longer, Navajo communities have

1 endured insufficient and substandard postal services, particularly in those areas of the  
2 reservation where postal delivery services are limited to regional convenience stores  
3 via a “highway contract” which requires non-standard addressing.

- 4 4. In its recently released Delivering for America Ten (10) Year Plan (“Delivery for  
5 America”), **Exhibit A**, the United States Postal Services (“USPS”) states that its  
6 “basic mission is to provide prompt, reliable, and efficient mail and package shipping  
7 services to all Americans – regardless of where they live – and at affordable rates”.  
8 Delivery for America, Executive Summary, page 4,  
9 <https://about.usps.com/what/strategic-plans/delivering-for-america/>.
- 10 5. The USPS Postmaster General and the Chairperson of the USPS Board of Governors  
11 jointly state that the Delivery for America plan will “dramatically improve service  
12 through strategies aligned to the changing needs of our customers [and] will optimize  
13 our mail and package processing capabilities, improve the technology and oversight  
14 of our surface logistics network, realign service standards to enable the best use of  
15 our transportation and processing networks, strengthen our delivery network, promote  
16 measurable operating excellence, modernize vehicles and infrastructure, revitalize our  
17 post offices, enable long-term postal careers for employees, and innovate solutions  
18 and services for customers.” **Exhibit A**, Letter from the Postmaster General, page 3.
- 19 6. As Navajo communities grow, full postal services, including but not limited to brick  
20 and mortar post offices, are desperately needed to provide adequate postal delivery  
21 services to the Navajo populace; postal services that provide *all* that is promised in  
22 Delivery for America.
- 23 7. The Many Farms Chapter community, for example, with the support of U.S. Senator  
24 Mark Kelly, **Exhibit B**, is specifically requesting an actual Post Office, **Exhibit C**  
25 (Many Farms Chapter Resolution MF-09-11-20); the Lukachukai Chapter  
26 Community is also requesting an actual Post Office.
- 27 8. The Navajo populace deserves to know that the USPS has recognized the substandard  
28 postal services currently provided at the 110 chapters located throughout the Navajo  
29 Nation and how the Delivery for America plan will upgrade and improve those  
30 services at each of the chapters.

1 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

2 The Navajo Nation hereby requests the United States Postal Service to provide an oral  
3 and written report to the Navajo Nation Council regarding how the Delivering for  
4 America Ten (10) Year Plan will upgrade and improve the delivery of postal services at  
5 each of the 110 chapters located throughout the Navajo Nation.

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