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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0237-22

DATE: December 2, 2022

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION BROADBAND OFFICE WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to approve the Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Broadband Office within the Office of the President and Vice-President.

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.

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2022

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)



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AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;
APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION
BROADBAND OFFICE WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-
PRESIDENT

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Resources and Development Committee is established as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee with oversight for the land, communications, and utilities to establish Navajo Nation policy with respect to the optimum utilization of all Navajo Nation resources and to protect the rights, interest, sacred sites and freedoms of the Navajo Nation and People to such resources, now and for future generations. 2 N.N.C. § 500(A); 2 N.N.C. § 500(C)(2).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The purpose of this legislation is to approve a Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Broadband Office attached as **Exhibit A**.

B. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Broadband Office Plan of Operation attached as

1 **Exhibit A**, the Navajo Nation Broadband Office purposes are:

- 2 1. Assist in efforts to provide Navajo Nation residents with access to affordable
3 high-speed broadband connectivity.
- 4 2. Centralize and streamline the planning of broadband infrastructure projects
5 and deployment on the Navajo Nation.
- 6 3. Represent the Navajo Nation government's best interests in negotiating with
7 developers seeking to provide broadband services on the Navajo Nation.
- 8 4. Coordinate all broadband infrastructure projects on the Navajo Nation.
- 9 5. Facilitate the Navajo Nation's control over its broadband goals and objectives
10 by coordinating with the Navajo Nation Telecommunication Regulatory
11 Commission on regulating the broadband resources and assets of the Navajo
12 Nation.
- 13 6. Develop and maintain a central repository of information, including but not
14 limited to maps, access point, connection speeds, rights-of-way, and lease and
15 connection rates for all existing and future broadband infrastructure projects
16 on the Navajo Nation.
- 17 7. Develop a comprehensive strategic broadband plan for the Navajo Nation, and
18 work with the Navajo Nation and outside vendors to achieve broadband
19 initiatives.
- 20 8. Develop proposed laws, regulations, policies, and procedures for approval by
21 the appropriate Navajo Nation Standing Committees, Navajo Nation Council
22 and/or other Navajo Nation regulatory authority, that will govern how the
23 Office will manage and oversee current and future broadband infrastructure
24 projects, and solicit, review, evaluate and recommend approval of future
25 broadband infrastructure projects.
- 26 9. Provide information and advisement to the Navajo Nation Standing
27 Committee, Navajo Nation Council and/or other Navajo Nation regulatory
28 authority on how best to connect Navajo communities with the fastest possible
29 broadband connectivity at affordable costs.

1 10. Actively seek funding for broadband infrastructure projects on the Navajo
2 Nation and serve as the sole conduit of information regarding funds for
3 broadband infrastructure projects on the Navajo Nation.

4 11. Actively seek E-Rate funding and administer E. Rate projects on behalf of the
5 Navajo Nation.

6 12. May serve as a co-designee on grants for the development of broadband
7 infrastructure projects on the Navajo Nation by entities within, owned, and/or
8 controlled by the Navajo Nation government.

9 C. The Executive Official Review Form is attached as **Exhibit B**.

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11 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE**
12 **NAVAJO NATION BROADBAND OFFICE WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE**
13 **PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT**

14 The Resources and Development Committee hereby approves the Plan of Operation
15 for the Navajo Nation Broadband Office within the Office of the President and Vice-
16 President attached as **Exhibit A**.