

RESOLUTION OF THE  
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
of the 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - FIRST YEAR, 2023

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE;  
APPOINTING THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE TITLE II REFORM  
SUBCOMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §400(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS


- A. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee Title II Reform Subcommittee through Resolution NABIMY-15-23 on May 30, 2023. See Exhibit A.
- B. The Title II Reform Subcommittee is to be composed of two members from each Navajo Nation Standing Committee. See Exhibit A, Section Two (B).

SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE TITLE II  
REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby appoints Hon. George H. Tolth and Hon. Curtis Yanito to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee Title II Reform Subcommittee.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 05 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 5th day of September 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vince R. James", is written over the printed name.

Honorable Vince R. James, Chairperson  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
25th Navajo Nation Council

Motion by: George H. Tolth  
Second by: Germaine Simonson

Honorable Vince R. James, Chairperson not voting

# **Exhibit A**

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2023



AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' TITLE TWO REFORM  
SUBCOMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee with oversight over the Legislative Branch and the responsibility and purpose "to provide for the compilation and publication of all Navajo Nation laws, rules, and regulations". 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A) (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.
- B. As the result of issues and concerns encountered by the 22<sup>nd</sup> Navajo Nation Council related to the change in Delegate membership from 88 to 24 and those issues and concerns carrying over to the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Councils, it is recommended that the Navajo Nation Code, Title Two, as it relates to legislative matters, receive a comprehensive evaluation and dependent on the evaluation's outcome, recommended changes be provided to the Navajo Nation Council.
- C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is authorized to establish the Title Two Reform subcommittee that consists of committee members which the committee selects. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.
- D. The Navajo Nation Council gave Naabik'íyáti' Committee the authority to delegate its authority as appropriate for efficiency and streamlining of government process to appropriate entities. 2 N.N.C. § 701(B) (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.

SECTION TWO. NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' TITLE TWO REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE  
ESTABLISHMENT

- A. The 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council establishes the Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee to review, evaluate, and recommend changes to the Navajo Nation Council, if any, regarding the following:

1. Title 2, Section 164 legislative process;
  2. Navajo Nation Council and Standing Committee Rules of Order;
  3. Matters concerning standing committee structure and authority: increasing or decreasing the number of committees from the current four standing committee structure to address the needs of the Navajo Nation; addressing the quorum requirements of committees; setting committee meeting schedules to allow time to respond to constituent concerns; evaluating restrictions on Delegates to be on only one committee in light of potential increase in number of committees; evaluating recommendation delegation to programs and divisions; and other recommendations to the committee structure and authority that would provide an efficient delivery of services to the Navajo People; and
  4. Internal administrative and legislative process issues and concerns.
- B. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall consist of two (2) members from each Navajo Nation standing committee for a total of ten (10) members. Each Navajo Nation standing committee shall select two (2) of their members to be on the Subcommittee; and, on selection of the members, the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the respective committees shall provide the Speaker of the Navajo Nation written notice of their committee's selections.
  - C. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson by majority vote at their first meeting. The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall serve at the Subcommittee's pleasure; replacement shall be by majority vote.
  - D. The Chairperson shall e-mail the Subcommittee's minutes, journals and on-going Title Two drafts to all 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council members.
  - E. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall establish a regular meeting day(s) of the month.
  - F. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall present draft recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council by the 2023 Fall Session and shall present a final version for

consideration by the 2024 Winter Session of the Navajo Nation Council.

### SECTION THREE. SUBCOMMITTEE TERM

The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall exist until their assigned tasks are completed and shall report on the recommendations to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) see also CO-45-12.

### SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVES

- A. The Speaker's Chief of Staff shall assign one policy analyst to assist the Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee.
- B. The Office of Legislative Services' Executive Director shall assign two Office of Legislative Services staff to assist the Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee.
- C. The Speaker shall determine a Subcommittee budget and identify the respective funds.
- D. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall hold a work session two weeks prior to the Navajo Nation Council's 2023 Fall Session to update the Delegates on the Subcommittee's work.

### CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 15 in Favor, and 03 Opposed, on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.



Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Chairwoman  
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

5/30/23

Date

Motion: Honorable Brenda Jesus  
Second: Honorable Seth Damon

Chairwoman Crystalyne Curley not voting

**HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Special Meeting**  
**September 5, 2023**

**Legislation No. 0210-23:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Appointing the Health, Education and Human Services Committee Representatives to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee Title II Reform Subcommittee

**Sponsor:** Delegate Curtis Yanito

**VOTE TALLY:**

**Amendment Motion:**

Motion: Honorable Andy Nez  
Second: Honorable Helena Nez Begay  
Vote: 5-0-1

Yea: Helena Nez Begay, Andy Nez; Germaine Simonson; George Tolth, Curtis Yanito  
Nay:  
Not Voting: Vince R. James (Presiding Chairperson)  
Excused:  
Absent:  
Vote: 5-0-1

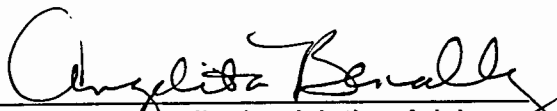
**Main Motion:**

Motion: Honorable George Tolth  
Second: Honorable Germaine Simonson

Yea: Helena Nez Begay, Andy Nez; Germaine Simonson; George Tolth, Curtis Yanito  
Nay:  
Not Voting: Vince R. James (Presiding Chairperson)  
Excused:  
Absent:  
Vote: 5-0-1



Honorable Vince R. James, Chairperson  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council



Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Office of Legislative Services