

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2019

AN ACTION

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE;  
SUPPORTING ARIZONA HOUSE BILL 2570 TITLED "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A  
STUDY COMMITTEE ON MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND  
GIRLS"

WHEREAS

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'íyáti' Committee to coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed county, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. See 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701 (A)(6). See also CO-45-12.
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Law and Order Committee ("LOC") as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered LOC to review and recommend resolutions relating to public safety within the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 600 *et seq.* See also CO-45-12.
- C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of Arizona.
- D. During the First Regular Session of 2019, Arizona House Bill 2570 was introduced to the 54<sup>th</sup> Legislature. See Arizona HB 2570 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- E. House Bill 2570 seeks to establish a study committee on missing and murdered indigenous women and girls comprised of the House of Representatives and Senate's respective indigenous peoples caucuses, the attorney general, director of the department of public safety, and other appointed members. *Id.*

- F. The study committee is established to conduct a comprehensive study to determine how the State of Arizona can reduce and end violence against indigenous women and girls, and other enumerated purposes. *Id.*

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports Arizona House Bill 2570 titled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMITTEE ON MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS" attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**
- B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to advocate the Navajo Nation's support of Arizona House Bill 2570.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 24<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 18 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.



Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman  
Naabik'iyáti' Committee  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Jamie Henio  
Second: Honorable Otto Tso

Chairman Seth Damon not voting



REFERENCE TITLE: study committee; murdered indigenous women.

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Fifty-fourth Legislature  
First Regular Session  
2019

## HB 2570

Introduced by

Representatives Jermaine: Andrade, Biasiucci, Blackman, Blanc, Bolding,  
Bowers, Butler, Campbell, Cano, Chávez, DeGrazia, Engel, Epstein,  
Espinoza, Fernandez, Fillmore, Friese, Gabaldón, Hernandez A, Lieberman,  
Longdon, Meza, Pawlik, Peten, Powers Hannley, Rodriguez, Salman, Shah,  
Sierra, Teller, Terán, Tsosie, Weninger, Senators Alston, Bowie, Gonzales,  
Mendez, Navarrete, Otondo, Peshlakai, Steele

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMITTEE ON MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN  
AND GIRLS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)



1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Study committee on missing and murdered indigenous  
3 women and girls; membership; duties; report;  
4 delayed repeal

5 A. The study committee on missing and murdered indigenous women and  
6 girls is established consisting of the following members:

7 1. The chairpersons of the house of representatives' and the  
8 senate's respective indigenous peoples caucuses or their designees. The  
9 chairperson of the senate indigenous peoples caucus shall serve as  
10 chairperson and the chairperson of the house of representatives indigenous  
11 peoples caucus shall serve as vice chairperson of the study committee.

12 2. The attorney general or the attorney general's designee.

13 3. The director of the department of public safety or the  
14 director's designee.

15 4. The following members who are appointed by the governor:

16 (a) One county attorney and one sheriff from a county with a  
17 population of eight hundred fifty thousand persons or more and one county  
18 attorney and one sheriff from a county with a population of less than  
19 eight hundred fifty thousand persons.

20 (b) One representative of a tribal government.

21 (c) One victim advocate.

22 (d) One chief of police who is from a tribal police department.

23 (e) One peace officer who works and resides on a federally  
24 recognized American Indian reservation in this state.

25 (f) One social worker who is from a tribal, statewide or local  
26 organization that provides services to indigenous women and girls.

27 (g) One representative who is from a tribal, statewide or local  
28 organization that provides advocacy for or counseling to indigenous women  
29 and girls who have been victims of violence.

30 (h) One representative who is from a tribal, statewide or local  
31 organization that provides legal services to indigenous women and girls.

32 (i) All members of the indigenous peoples caucus.

33 (j) One member who works with the Phoenix or Tucson Indian center.

34 (k) One member who works in the Phoenix area Indian health  
35 services.

36 B. The study committee shall meet quarterly or more frequently as  
37 the chairperson deems necessary.

38 C. Committee members are not eligible to receive compensation, but  
39 members who are appointed by the governor are eligible for reimbursement  
40 of expenses under title 38, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised  
41 Statutes.

42 D. The study committee shall:

43 1. Conduct a comprehensive study to determine how this state can  
44 reduce and end violence against indigenous women and girls in this state.

1           2. Establish methods for tracking and collecting data on violence  
2 against indigenous women and girls, including data on missing and murdered  
3 indigenous women and girls.

4           3. Review policies and practices that impact violence against  
5 indigenous women and girls, such as child welfare policies and practices.

6           4. Review prosecutorial trends and practices relating to crimes of  
7 gender violence against indigenous people.

8           5. Gather data on violence against indigenous women and girls in  
9 this state.

10          6. Determine the number of missing and murdered indigenous women  
11 and girls in this state.

12          7. Identify barriers to providing more state resources in tracking  
13 violence against indigenous women and girls and reducing the incidences of  
14 violence.

15          8. Propose measures to ensure access to culturally appropriate  
16 victim services for indigenous women and girls who have been victims of  
17 violence.

18          9. Propose legislation to address issues identified by the study  
19 committee.

20          10. Submit a report regarding the study committee's activities and  
21 recommendations for administrative or legislative action on or before  
22 November 1, 2019 to the governor, the president of the senate and the  
23 speaker of the house of representatives and provide a copy of this report  
24 to the secretary of state.

25          E. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2020.

# NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 70

2/28/2019

Naa'bik'iyati Committee

06:34:33 PM

Amd# to Amd#

Legislation 0033-19: Supporting

PASSED

MOT Henio, J

Arizona House Bill 2570 Titled

SEC Tso, O

"An Act Establishing A Study  
Committee on Missing and....

**Yea : 18**

**Nay : 0**

**Excused : 0**

**Not Voting : 6**

**Yea : 18**

Begay, E

Crotty

Smith

Tso, E

Begay, P

Freeland, M

Stewart, W

Tso, O

BeGaye, N

Halona, P

Tso, C

Walker, T

Brown

Henio, J

Tso, D

Yellowhair

Charles-Newton

Nez, R

**Nay : 0**

**Excused : 0**

**Not Voting : 6**

Begay, K

Daniels

Wauneka, E

Yazzie

Damon

James, V