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RESOLUTION OF THE
LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE OF THE
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2019

AN ACTION

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE: SELECTING AND APPOINTING THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE TITLE II REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

The Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 600 (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 NABIF-9-15, on February 19, 2015. 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

The Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council Nation hereby selects and appoints Delegate Otto Tso and Delegate Eugenia Charles-Newton to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee Title II Reform Subcommittee.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Law and Order Committee of the 24th 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 03 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 06th day of May 2019.

Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman
Law and Order Committee

Motioned: Honorable Vince James
Second : Honorable Eugene Tso



NABIF-9-15

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD Navajo Nation Council---First Year 2015

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE 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 and as such Naabik'íyáti' Committee's purpose is "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 22nd Navajo Nation Council related to the change in Delegate membership from 88 to 24 and those issues and concerns carrying over to the 23rd Navajo Nation Council; 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. Naabik'íyáti' Committee may 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 Navajo Nation 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; and,

2. Related to standing committee structure and authority: increasing 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,

3. Identify internal administrative and legislative process issues and concerns.

B. The Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall consist of two members from each Navajo Nation standing committee for a total of ten members. Each Navajo Nation standing committee shall select two of their members to be on the Subcommittee; and, on selection of the members, the Chair or Vice-Chair of the respective committees shall notify the Speaker of the Navajo Nation by letter.

C. The Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee by majority vote shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson 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 Navajo Nation Council Delegates the Subcommittee's minutes, journals and on-going Title Two drafts.

E. The Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall establish a regular meeting day(s) of the month.

F. The Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall present draft recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council by its Spring Session and shall present a final version for consideration by Summer Session of the Navajo Nation Council.

Section Three. Subcommittee Term

The Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall exist until their assigned tasks are completed and shall report on the recommendations to the Naabik'íyáti' 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'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee.

B. The Legislative Services' Executive Director shall assign two Office of Legislative Services staffers to assist the Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee.

C. The Speaker shall determine a Subcommittee budget and identify the funds.

D. The Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall hold a work session two weeks prior to the Navajo Nation Council's Summer Session to update the Delegates.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 23rd 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 16 in favor, 1 oppose, 0 Abstain this 19th Day of February, 2015.

Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairperson
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Benjamin L. Bennett
Second: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.

LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
Special Meeting
May 6, 2019

VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Legislation No. 0069-19: An Action Relating to Law and Order Committee: Selecting and Appointing the Law and Order Committee Representatives to the Naabik'iyati' Committee Title II Reform Subcommittee – Sponsors: Honorable Rickie Nez/Honorable Otto Tso

Amendment No. 1:
Motion: Vince James **Second:** Eugene Tso **Vote:** 3-0-1

VOTE TALLY:
Yea: VJames/ETso/OTso
Nay:
Not Voting: ECNewton
Absent: EYazzie

Main Motion: Vince James **Second:** Eugene Tso **Vote:** 3-0-1

VOTE TALLY:
Yea: VJames/ETso/OTso
Nay:
Not Voting: ECNewton
Absent: EYazzie

Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman

Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor
Law and Order Committee