

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0020-21

**DATE:** February 2, 2021

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM, TO REPAIR AND REPAVE/RESURFACE NEW MEXICO (N.M.) STATE HIGHWAY 371 FROM THOREAU TO FARMINGTON.

**PURPOSE:** To respectfully request New Mexico State Governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham, to repair and repave/resurface New Mexico State Highway 371 from Thoreau to Farmington.

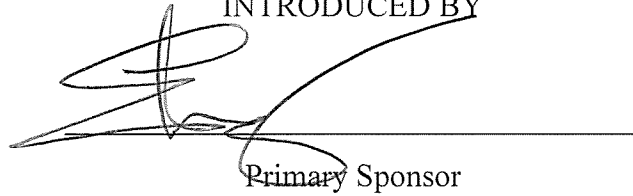
This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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Resources & Development Committee  
Thence  
Naabik'iyati' Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—THIRD YEAR, 2021

INTRODUCED BY



Primary Sponsor

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'  
COMMITTEES; RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO, MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM, TO REPAIR AND REPAVE/RESURFACE  
NEW MEXICO (N.M.) STATE HIGHWAY 371 FROM THOREAU TO FARMINGTON  
WHEREAS:

- A. Statements of policy, enactment of positive law, intergovernmental agreements, budget resolutions, and reallocations, must be reviewed and approved by resolution by the appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation Council except as otherwise provided herein. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A).
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyati' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'iyati' Committee to assist and coordinate all requests for information, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 701 (A)(4), 701 (A)(6).
- C. The Resources and Development Committee shall exercise oversight authority over roads and transportation and to oversee planning and coordinating of all roads and transportation activities of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 500 (C)(6).
- D. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the state of New Mexico.

FINDINGS:

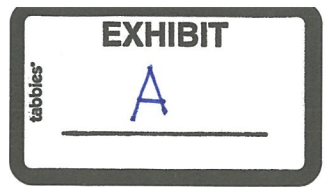
- 1 A. N.M. Highway 371 is a public highway that originates from Interstate 40, Thoreau, N.M.  
2 to Farmington, N.M. and spans 109 miles in length.
- 3 B. N.M. Highway 371 is a primary transportation route for general motor vehicles for the  
4 communities of Crownpoint and surrounding area.
- 5 C. N.M. Highway 371 is a primary transportation route for commercial trucks delivering  
6 goods and services to, and beyond the Four Corners region.
- 7 D. N.M. Highway 371 is also a primary transportation route delivering goods and services  
8 from the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI).
- 9 E. N.M. Highway 371, and due to the high amount of heavy commercial motor vehicle  
10 traffic, has caused the road to deteriorate and is dire need of repair, repaving, or  
11 resurfacing.
- 12 F. The Smith Lake Chapter is a duly recognized and certified local government of the  
13 Navajo Nation Government. 26 N.N.C. § 1.
- 14 G. The Smith Lake Chapter supports the repair and resurfacing of N.M. Highway 371 as the  
15 uneven surface and potholes cause wear and tear of personal vehicles, emergency  
16 vehicles, and other motoring traffic. See Smith Lake Chapter Resolution SLC 01-2021-  
17 005 as **Exhibit A**.

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19 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 20 A. The Navajo Nation hereby respectfully requests that New Mexico Governor, Michelle  
21 Lujan Grisham, advocate on behalf of the Great Navajo Nation, to repair and  
22 repave/resurface New Mexico State Highway 371 from Thoreau to Farmington, New  
23 Mexico; to enhance the safety and welfare of citizens, visitors, and travelers of the Great  
24 Navajo Nation.
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**RESOLUTION OF THE SMITH LAKE CHAPTER**  
No. SLC 01-2021-005

**Requesting New Mexico Department of Transportation to resurface approximately 109 miles of State Road 371 from the Interstate 40 (I-40), Thoreau, New Mexico to Farmington, New Mexico.**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Smith Lake Chapter is a duly recognized and certified local government of the Navajo Nation Government, pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Local Governance Act, under Section 1. whereas the Navajo Nation Council delegates to Chapters governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo law, including custom and tradition. Including and other enactments stated within this law.
2. This New Mexico State Roads 371 is the main artery and the only north and south route which connects Farmington, NM, Gallup, NM, Grants, NM and Albuquerque, NM. The communities of Thoreau, Smith Lake, Crownpoint, Becenti, Lake Valley, Whiter Rock, Huerfano and Navajo Agricultural Product Industries, and emergency vehicles basically use this highway, and
3. The highway also serves two major Public Schools, Primary Schools, Middle Schools, High Schools and Community Colleges with student commuting daily. The Indian Health Service hospitals in Crownpoint and the San Juan Regional Hospital routinely utilizes the highway, and
4. The daily traffic count of private owned vehicles, commerce transport and other traffic will be enormous and it's unfortunate the uneven surface, potholes, patches cause liability and wear/tear to the vehicles.

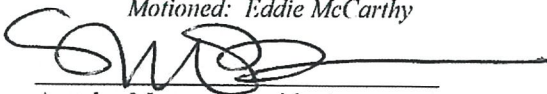
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE THAT:**

1. Requesting New Mexico Department of Transportation to resurface approximately 109 miles of State Road 371 from the Interstate 40 (I-40), Thoreau, New Mexico to Farmington, New Mexico.

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting at Smith Lake Chapter, Navajo Nation, New Mexico at which a quorum was present, and that same was passed by a vote of 08 in favor, 00 opposed, and 09 abstained on this 12th day of January 2021.

Motioned: Eddie McCarthy

  
Anselm Morgan, President

Second the motion: Stanley Saunders

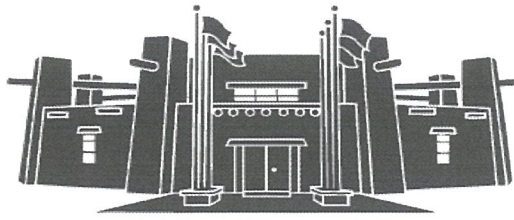
  
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Malissa Hill-Begay, Pro-Tempore Secretary/Treasurer

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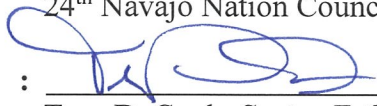
Heather Yazzie-Kinlacheeny, Vice President  
Anthony Begay, Land Board

Vacant, Secretary Treasurer



## MEMORANDUM

**TO** : Edmund Yazzie, Delegate  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

**FROM** :   
Troy D. Cook, Senior Tribal Court Advocate  
Office of Legislative Counsel

**DATE** : February 2, 2021

**SUBJECT** : **AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM, TO REPAIR AND REPAVE/RESURFACE NEW MEXICO (N.M.) STATE HIGHWAY 371 FROM THOREAU TO FARMINGTON**

I have prepared the above referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. The resolution drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with any legislation, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Also, understand that the Speaker is authorized to refer this proposed resolution to other committees that those stated in the title.

You are advised and encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure it is drafted to your satisfaction. If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign it as “sponsor” and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where it will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment.

If the proposed legislation is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution. Ahe'he'.

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SPONSOR: Eugene Tso

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