

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE
23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year, 2018

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE POSITION OF THE NAVAJO NATION RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2018 IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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. Statements of policy are written statements submitted to federal, state or local governments by a Navajo Nation official stating the official position of the Navajo Nation on proposed legislation or other action by that government. See 2 N.N.C. § 110 (W).
- C. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to assist and 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).
- D. The 2018 Arizona Legislative Priorities provides a list of topics addressed during the Naabik'íyáti' Committee's State Affairs Task Force Subcommittee meetings.
- E. The Navajo Nation's legislative priorities for the State of Arizona are as follows:
 - 1. Economic Development
 - a. The goal for the Navajo Nation is, generally, to obtain a more secure, longer and profitable gaming compact for the Nation and one that modernizes the regulatory framework
 - b. Extend the Navajo Generating Station lease beyond 2019

- c. Obtain an equitable share of the Arizona Transaction Privilege Tax earned on the Nation

2. Health Care

Urge the Arizona Governor to review the State AHCCCS policy to incorporate the economic circumstances facing the Navajo Nation

3. Education

- a. Support proposals to protect and increase education funding in Arizona in the 2018 legislative session
- b. Support compact renewal to continue receiving 15% of the Transaction Privilege Tax earned on the Nation for support of Diné College and Navajo Technical University

4. Natural Resources

Continue to oppose bills that impact Navajo Nation's water rights, although such bills may not target the Nation's water rights directly and to protect the Navajo Aquifer from overdraft from off-reservation lands

5. Public Safety

Pursue funding for public safety needs including public safety training capital needs for Diné College and Navajo Technical University and to coordinate the implementation of First Net in the state and the Nation

6. Transportation/Infrastructure/Telecommunications

Support the proposal to allow the Navajo Nation to keep the State of Arizona's apportionment of the Navajo Nation's Fuel Excise Tax

7. Veterans

Ensure compliance by the Arizona Department of Revenue in establishing the policy and administrative oversight to allow Native American Veterans to apply for a refund of funds withheld from them through state income taxes

F. The Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest of the Navajo People to support the approval and adoption of the position of the Navajo Nation's legislative priorities regarding the State of Arizona for 2018.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Navajo Nation's legislative priorities regarding the State of Arizona for 2018 and authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, the Navajo Nation Chief Justice, and their designees and the Naabik'iyáti' Committee's State Affairs Task Force to advocate the position of the Navajo Nation with the State of Arizona.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' 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 12 in Favor and 00 Opposed, on this 12th day of February, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LoRenzo C. Bates", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairperson
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Nelson S. BeGaye
Second: Honorable Tuchoney Slim, Jr.

Chairperson Bates not voting

NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 784

2/12/2018

Naa'bik'iyati Committee

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Legislation No. 0046-18:

PASSED

MOT BeGaye, N

Approving the Position of the

SEC Slim

NN Relating to 2018 Legislative

Priorities for Arizona State...

Yea : 12

Nay : 0

Excused : 1

Not Voting : 11

Yea : 12

Begay, NM

Damon

Phelps

Tso

BeGaye, N

Filfred

Shepherd

Tsosie

Chee

Hale

Slim

Witherspoon

Nay : 0

Excused : 1

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Not Voting : 11

Bates

Brown

Jack

Smith

Begay, K

Crotty

Perry

Yazzie

Bennett

Daniels

Pete