

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**  
**Tracking No. 0247-18**

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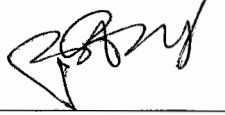
**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION  
RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING NAVAJO NATION  
LAND PURCHASES AND DIRECTIVE THE NAVAJO DIVISION OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES

**PURPOSE:** This legislation will confirm the Navajo Nation's purchase of two properties in Colorado and one property in Arizona and direct the Division of Natural Resources to pursue steps to add the properties to Navajo Nation permanent holdings.

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

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2018

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RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING NAVAJO  
NATION LAND PURCHASES AND DIRECTIVE THE NAVAJO DIVISION OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES

**Section One. Authority**

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102 (A).
- B. The Navajo Nation Council, by Resolution CJY-54-94, established a Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Navajo Land Department for the purchase of lands for the Navajo Nation according to the Land Acquisition Policy and Procedures and the Navajo Land Consolidation Act of 1988.

**Section Two. Findings**

- A. The Navajo Nation Land Acquisition of Lands Act, 16 N.N.C. § 2(A), states, “The Navajo Nation’s major purpose in acquiring new lands shall [include]: (5) Provid[ing] land necessary for approved Navajo Nation economic development.”
- B. The Navajo Nation shall acquire and dispose of real property subject to land acquisition regulations as approved by the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 16 N.N.C. § 3.

1 C. Through the Navajo Nation Land Acquisition Act, the Navajo Nation increased its  
2 land property holdings and increased the territory of the Navajo Nation with the  
3 purchase of land property in Colorado and Arizona. *See* NABIJY-57-17, RDCO-113-  
4 17, and NABIMY-34-18.

5 D. To increase the Navajo Nation land holdings, funds were made available through the  
6 Land Acquisition Trust Fund and the Navajo Land Department, pursuant to Rules and  
7 Regulations, VI, General Procedures for Purchase of Real Property, (D)(1)(a),  
8 prepared a recommendation to the approving authority and verified that funds were  
9 available for the purchases.

10 E. For each property holding the Navajo Division of Natural Resources and the Navajo  
11 Land Department, pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the General Procedure for  
12 Purchase of Real Property, conducted preliminary assessments, negotiated the  
13 purchase price for the properties, and conducted preliminary inspections of the  
14 properties including title issues, inventory, and readily identifiable environmental  
15 concerns.

16 F. In providing additional land necessary for approved economic development and  
17 expanding the land holding of the Navajo Nation, the Navajo Nation finds it in the  
18 best interest to confirm the acquisition of land holdings in the States of Colorado and  
19 Arizona.

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21 **Section Three. Confirming Land Purchases for the Navajo Nation with Directive**

22 A. The Navajo Nation Council, looking forward for future generations, confirms the land  
23 acquisitions made by NABIJY-57-17, RDCO-113-17 and NABIMY-34-18 through the  
24 Navajo Land Acquisition Act, 16 N.N.C. § 1 et seq., and the Land Acquisition Trust  
25 Fund principal and income, 16 N.N.C. § 204.

26 B. The Navajo Nation Council directs the Navajo Division of Natural Resources and its  
27 relevant Programs to ensure the Navajo Nation's land acquisition will be permanent land  
28 holdings for the Navajo Nation and its future generations.