

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2020

AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE NAVAJO NATION RELATING TO THE STATE OF COLORADO

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. 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. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701 (A)(6).
- D. Each of the Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council recommended 2021 Colorado Legislative Priorities for their respective area(s) of oversight to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee's State Affairs Task Force Subcommittee; after review and discussion, the State Affairs Task Force compiled the Standing Committee recommendations into the 2021 Colorado Legislative Priorities attached and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**.
- E. The Navajo Nation Naabik'íyáti' Committee's State Affairs Task Force Subcommittee recommends the Naabik'íyáti' Committee approve the 2021 Colorado Legislative Priorities attached as **Exhibit A**.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Navajo Nation's legislative priorities relating to the State of Colorado for 2021, attached as **Exhibit A**, as determined by the 24th Navajo Nation Council and authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, and their designees, and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, to advocate the position of the Navajo Nation with the State of Colorado, State of Colorado Legislature, Colorado State Agencies, and the State of Colorado Governor's Office for the preservation of funding and policies in the Navajo Nation's priority areas.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' 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 22 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 11th day of December 2020.



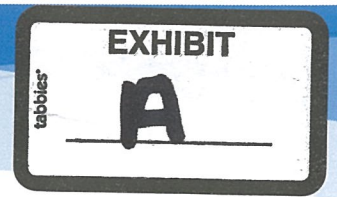
Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman Pro Tem
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

12/11/20
Date

Motion: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

Second: Honorable Jimmy Yellowhair

Chairwoman Pro Tem Eugenia Charles-Newton not voting



NAVAJO NATION PRIORITIES COLORADO

Speaker Seth Damon & 24th Navajo Nation Council

The Navajo Nation's long-term priorities for the state of Colorado is to monitor and create policy which respects Navajo rights, and foster policies that will support Navajo's existing investment and support the tribal members in Colorado.

Work with local government officials in the counties of Huerfano and Custer in Colorado to ensure the use, rights and development potential of the Navajo Nation's 28,855 acres of fee simple land comprised of the Wolf Springs and Boyer Ranches, with potential uses including land used for economic development, equine therapy, veteran rehab, education, housing, agriculture and traditional Navajo uses.

Develop relationships in Colorado with local, county, state and federal officials to facilitate Navajo objectives at the local, state and federal levels of government.

Collaborate with the State of Colorado for the preservation of funding and development of policies in the Navajo Nation's priority areas

1. COVID-19 Issue Response

- a. Advocate to Colorado State and National elected and administration officials for the acquisition and dissemination, in coordination with Navajo Nation, of COVID-19 vaccine to prevent and decrease the COVID -19 virus among the Navajo people.
- b. Advocate to obtain all possible resources for the effective management of COVID-19, PPE supplies for the protection of Navajo front-line workers treating or responding to COVID 19 pandemic, and all needed resources and supplies needed for the survival of the Navajo People.
- c. Advocate to obtain essential food, water and medical supplies for Navajo members to sustain themselves during the course of the COVID-19 virus.
- d. Obtain all possible resources for the effective management of COVID-19, PPE supplies for the protection of Navajo front-line workers treating or responding to COVID 19 pandemic, and all needed resources and supplies needed for the survival of the Navajo People. COVID-19 mitigation
- e. Navajo Nation involvement with state planning to minimize numbers
- f. State of Colorado's COVID Pandemic response and Vaccine
 - Distribution Plan

2. Community Development

- a. Transfer 10% of Navajo Nation owned land into Federal Trust Land

3. Economic Development

- a. Establish an Economic Development Master Plan for Wolf Springs and Boyer Ranch

4. Education

- a. Recognize Indian Education

5. Public Safety

- a. Supporting and creation of Missing, Murdered Indigenous Person's Task Force
- b. Social Services
 - Continue to recognize Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

6. Natural Resources

- a. Recognizing Sovereign Land Status
- b. Supporting Navajo Nation's Water Rights

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Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Special Meeting

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Amd# to Amd#	Legislation 0302-20: Approving	PASSED
MOT Begay, K	and Adopting the 2021	
SEC Yellowhair	Legislative Priorities of the	
	Navajo Nation Relating to the...	

Yeas : 22

Nays : 0

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 1

Yea : 22

Begay, E	Freeland, M	Smith	Tso, O
Begay, K	Halona, P	Stewart, W	Walker, T
Begay, P	Henio, J	Tso, C	Wauneka, E
Crotty	James, V	Tso, D	Yazzie
Damon	Nez, R	Tso, E	Yellowhair
Daniels	Slater, C		

Nay : 0

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 1

Brown

Presiding Speaker: Charles-Newton