

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 UTAH

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 Utah 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 Utah are as follows:
 - 1. Education
 - a. The Utah Legislature enacted S.B. 14 (2016) appropriating \$250,000 to address the educational performance of San Juan School District and enacted H.B. 43 (2017) appropriating \$250,000 for recruitment and retention of quality teachers in the San Juan School District. Continually monitoring of appropriation to ensure implementation of H.B. 43 is necessary

- b. Construction of new Bluff Elementary School with land exchange to address archaeological issues
 - c. Study of San Juan School District student transportation system to address reducing student commuting time
- 2. Transportation
 - a. Addressing road conditions and commuter safety issues for SR 164 in Montezuma Creek and SR 163 in Monument Valley
 - b. Protect the priority position of SR 164 in the Utah Highway Commission's project prioritization
- 3. Public Lands
 - Protecting Bears Ears National Monument
- 4. San Juan County Redistricting
 - a. Continue to support the redistricting lawsuit brought by the Navajo Nation and individual Navajos
 - b. Urge the State of Utah to intervene in the redistricting lawsuit to protect the voting rights and equal treatment of all Utah citizens
- 5. Utah Navajo Water Settlement
 - Supporting Congressional Senate Bill 665, Navajo Utah Water Rights Settlement Act of 2017
- 6. Economic Development
 - Urging the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development to initiate and maintain meaningful collaboration and partnerships with the Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development to explore business development and employment opportunities in San Juan County, Utah
- 7. Tribal-State Consultation
 - a. Urging the State of Utah to honor the government-to-government relationship and apply tribal consultation uniformly across the spectrum of issues

- b. Supporting the designation of the Utah Division of Indian Affairs as a cabinet-level entity with adequate budgetary support to carry out state-tribal objectives
 - c. Recommending appointment of Native Americans to state boards and commission
- 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 Utah for 2018.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Navajo Nation's legislative priorities regarding the State of Utah 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 Utah.

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.



Lorenzo C. Bates, Chairperson
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Walter Phelps
Second: Honorable Davis Filfred
Chairperson Bates not voting

NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 782

2/12/2018

Naa'bik'iyati Committee

05:28:00 PM

Amd# to Amd#

Legislation No. 0045-18:

PASSED

MOT Phelps

Approving the Position of the

SEC Filfred

NN Relating to the Legislative

Priorities for 2018 - Utah State

Yea : 12

Nay : 0

Excused : 1

Not Voting : 11

Yea : 12

Begay, NM

Damon

Phelps

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BeGaye, N

Filfred

Shepherd

Tsosie

Chee

Hale

Slim

Witherspoon

Nay : 0

Excused : 1

Begay, S

Not Voting : 11

Bates

Brown

Jack

Smith

Begay, K

Crotty

Perry

Yazzie

Bennett

Daniels

Pete