

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23<sup>RD</sup> Navajo Nation Council---First Year 2015

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 2 AND SENATE BILL 564, NEW  
MEXICO APPROPRIATING FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000) TO  
THE TRIBAL COLLEGE DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM FUND

WHEREAS:

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHSC) as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered HEHSC to review and recommend resolutions regarding education. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A) (9), 400 (A), 401 (B) (6) (a) (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to coordinate all state programs, i.e. New Mexico Higher Education Department. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A) (9), 700 (A), 701 (A) (4) (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.
- C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of New Mexico.
- D. New Mexico Senate Bill 196: State-Tribal Collaboration Act sought to enhance the government-to government relationship between Indian nations and the state agencies.
- E. On December 16, 2009, the New Mexico Higher Education Department adopted the State-Tribal Consultation, Collaboration and Communication Policy which sought to improve government-to-government relationships with the Indian nations.
- F. New Mexico Senator Michael S. Sanchez introduced Senate Bill 2, relating to making an appropriation to the Tribal College Dual Credit Program Fund. EXHIBIT A.

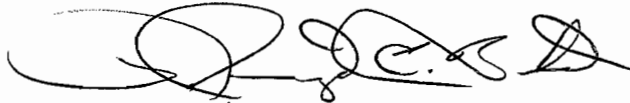
- G. New Mexico Senator John Pinto introduced Senate Bill 564 that supports the Tribal College Dual Credit Program Fund, EXHIBIT B.
- H. New Mexico law requires postsecondary institutions to waive tuition and fees for dual enrollment students, including tribal colleges. N.M.STAT. § 21-1-1.2 (2014).
- I. While this relieves the parent's financial burden; small colleges, like tribal colleges may have a financial burden.
- J. Therefore, New Mexico created the Tribal College Dual Credit Program Fund, the "fund is appropriated to the higher education department to be used only to compensate tribal colleges for the tuition and fees waived to allow high school students to attend classes on the college campus or electronically pursuant to the dual credit program." N.M.STAT. § 21-1-27.10 (2012).
- K. The Navajo Nation supports New Mexico Senate Bill 2 and Senate Bill 564.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- 1. The Navajo Nation respectfully requests the New Mexico Legislature to pass New Mexico Senate Bill 2, An Act Making an Appropriation to the Tribal College Dual Credit Program Fund.
- 2. The Navajo Nation respectfully requests the New Mexico Legislature to pass New Mexico Senate Bill 564, An Act Making an Appropriation to the Tribal College Dual Credit Program Fund.
- 3. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, and their designees, to advocate on their behalf.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 20 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 Abstain this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2015.

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

Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairperson  
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Tuchoney Slim, Jr.  
Second: Honorable Leonard Pete

1 SENATE BILL 2

2 52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

3 INTRODUCED BY

4 Michael S. Sanchez

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23 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2016  
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SENATE BILL 564

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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John Pinto

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