

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

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE
POSITION OF THE NAVAJO NATION RELATING TO THE STATE OF NEW
MEXICO FISCAL YEAR 2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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. §§ 164 (A)(9), 701 (A)(4), 701(A)(6) (2015); CO-45-12.
- D. The 2018 New Mexico 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 New Mexico are as follows, in no particular order of preference:
 - 1. Housing & Public Facilities
 - i. Capital Outlay
 - a. Work with Navajo Nation Capital Improvement Office to ensure projects are on schedule and are reported on State Capital Project Monitoring System;

- b. Support for New Projects (when funding becomes available)
- c. Combine priorities with multiple Chapters if possible (re: equipment that can be shared between Chapters)
- d. Ensure the projects can be completed in a timely manner
- e. Reauthorization consideration of current projects as requested
- f. Streamlining Capital Projects process

2. Governance

i. Tribal Infrastructure Fund

- a. Tribal Infrastructure Fund Board to allow additional Navajo Representation according to population

ii. State/Tribal Collaboration Act

- a. Allow for Conversation with New Mexico Secretary of Indian Affairs Department regarding concern on selection of who attends State-Tribal meetings in spite of fact that the Act uses the word "leaders" to define who is invited to meet with states from various tribes. Secretary of Indian Affairs Dept. determines "leaders".

iii. Tax Reform

- a. Remove laws/authorities which allow for double taxation on Navajo Nation.

iv. Antiquities Act

- a. Protection of National Parks

3. Economy

i. Gas Tax at the Rack

- a. Navajo Nation is against the removal of Tribal exemptions.

ii. Fantasy Gaming should not be supported

iii. Energy

- a. Monitor to support Legislation which benefit Navajo Nation
- iv. New Mexico State Budget
 - a. Monitor and support Legislation as it relates to Navajo Nation
- 4. Public Safety & Judicial
 - i. Human Rights
 - a. Support Legislations against Hate Crimes/Discrimination
 - b. Sexual Assault Prevention Legislation
 - c. Support Legislations which addresses Human Trafficking
 - d. Support anti-Harassment Legislations
 - ii. Exposure Deaths
 - a. Support more funding for Detox centers
 - iii. Public Safety
 - a. Support and implement Amber Alert Communications on Navajo Nation;
 - iv. FirstNet
 - a. Include Navajo Nation during the implementation process
 - v. Capital Punishment
 - a. Monitor Legislation
- 5. Education
 - i. Monitor legislation on the following topics:
 - a. Cyber Bullying (Harassment)
 - b. Bullying Prevention Measures
 - c. Navajo Language and Cultural preservation
 - d. Bilingual and Multicultural programs preservation
 - e. Public Education Funding

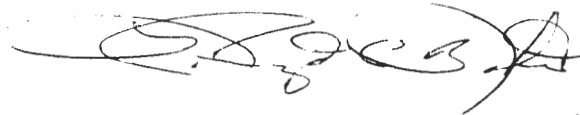
- f. Cross State/Boundary Student Admission
 - g. Cross State Boundary Transportation
 - h. Impact Aid as it relates to Boundary Issues
 - i. Suicide Prevention
- 6. Human Services
 - i. Health Care
 - a. Monitor and support Legislation which support healthcare and Medicaid for Navajo Nation residents
 - ii. Radiation Exposure
 - a. Monitor Legislation
 - iii. Support Medical Marijuana
 - iv. Veterans Issues
 - a. Monitor and support Legislation which support Navajo Veterans
- 7. Natural Resources
 - i. Sacred Sites
 - a. Monitor and support Legislation to protect and preserve sacred sites
- 8. Infrastructure
 - i. Roads
 - a. Support NMDOT School bus route funding on Navajoland and no cuts to funding.
 - b. NMDOT Funding additional funding on Navajo Lands including bridges
- 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 New Mexico for 2018.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, the Navajo Nation Chief Justice and their designees, and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee's State Affairs Task Force, to support the approval and adoption of the position of the Navajo Nation's legislative priorities regarding the State of New Mexico for 2018.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' 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 13 in Favor and 00 Opposed, on this 17th day of January, 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'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Seth A. Damon
Second: Honorable Jonathan Perry

Chairperson Bates not voting