

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

AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; REQUESTING THE ARIZONA GOVERNOR DUCEY TO INCLUDE HIGHWAY 191 IN THE SMART HIGHWAY CORRIDOR INITIATIVE TO INSTALL BROADBAND CONDUIT AND FIBER OPTIC CABLE

WHEREAS:

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'íyáti' Committee to coordinate all requests for information, appearances, and testimony relating to proposed county, state and federal legislation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701 (A) (6).
- B. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of Arizona.
- C. Governor Ducey announced major new investments in rural broadband. The Governor stated: "We need to connect all parts of our growing state. Rural areas still lack high-speed Internet. Let's triple our investment in rural Broadband Grants, and also invest \$50 million in Smart Highway Corridors to install broadband along our rural interstates. This will make our highways safer and smarter than ever before and pave the way to get all of rural Arizona logged on." See, **Exhibit B**.
- D. The initiative the Governor speaks about includes "Smart Highway Corridors": Nearly \$50 million in funding for Smart Highway Corridors will enable the Arizona Department of Transportation to install over 500 miles of broadband conduit and fiber optic cable along designated highway segments throughout rural areas of the state. The new corridors will improve highway safety while providing future broadband capacity for smart infrastructure projects in Arizona's rural and tribal areas.


- E. Highway 191 runs through the Navajo Nation and if it were included in the Smart Highway Corridor, it would provide broadband accessibility to a large part of the Navajo Nation and rural Arizona.
- F. Several Navajo Nation Chapters have spoken with resolutions to request Governor Ducey include Highway 191 in the Smart Highway Corridor. Those Navajo Nation Chapter resolutions are attached as **Exhibit A** and include Nahata Dziil Commission of Governance, Many Farms Chapter, Ganado Chapter, Round Rock Chapter, Tselani-Cottonwood Chapter, Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter and Wide Ruins Community Chapter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

- A. The Navajo Nation supports Governor Ducey's Smart Highway Corridor Initiative, attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to advocate for the Navajo Nation's portion of Highway 191 to be included in the Smart Highway Corridor.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 24<sup>th</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, and 00 Opposed, on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

  
Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman  
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

May 5, 2020  
Date

Motion: Honorable Mark A. Freeland  
Second: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.

Chairman Seth Damon not voting

# NAHATA DZIIL COMMISSION GOVERNANCE

Darrell Tso - President  
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## RESOLUTION OF NAHATA DZIIL COMMISSION GOVERNANCE

**NDCG-2020-03-041**

Nahata Dziil Commission Governance is requesting Arizona Governor Ducey to include Highway 191, the Arizona State Right-of-Way on the Navajo Nation as one of his Smart Highway Corridors initiative to install Broadband Conduit and Fiber Optic Cable.

### WHEREAS:

1. The Nahata Dziil Commission Governance is certified by the Navajo Nation Council Resolution CAP-36-91 as a local governmental entity of the Navajo Nation Government which has the responsibility and authority to promote, protect and preserve the interest and general welfare including the safety of its community, people, programs, property, etc.; and
2. Transportation and Community Development Committee of the Navajo Nation by Resolution TCDCAU-66-02, approved governance certification of the Nahata Dziil Commission Governance Five Management Policies and Procedures pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 102(B), which permit's the Nahata Dziil Commission Governance to exercise local governance authorities contained within 26 N.N.C. Section 103 (D)(1); and
3. The Nahata Dziil Commission Governance is further certified by the Navajo Nation in accordance with its Community Based land Use Plan, pursuant to Resolution of the Transportation and Community Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, to administer its community lands with the New Lands Chapter boundaries and to decide on the best options for its land use; and
4. On January 20, 2008, the Nahata Dziil Chapter converted its Governmental entity into the Nahata Dziil Commission Governance, and
5. The Arizona Governor has announced a Major New Investment in Rural Broadband; and
6. The Arizona Governor Rural Broadband Initiative will create the "Smart Highway Corridors" along Rural Highways; and
7. The Highway 191, Arizona State Right-of-Ways, runs North of junction of State Route 61 and US 191 (Witch Wells) from Sanders, Arizona and Mexican Water, Arizona to the State of Utah border; and
8. The Highway 191 is within the Navajo Nation and Rural part of the State of Arizona; and
9. The Broadband Infrastructure is greatly needed on the Navajo Nation to enhance economic growth, connect rural schools, establish effective communication for First Responders and improve quality of life; and
10. Nahata Dziil Commission Governance will greatly benefit from the Smart Highway Corridor improving local community growth; and
11. Nahata Dziil Commission Governance requests the Arizona Governor Ducey to include Highway 191 as one of the Smart Highway Corridor to benefit the community members of the Navajo Nation and those who travels through the area.



**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

Nahata Dziil Commission Governance is requesting Arizona Governor Ducey to include Highway 191, the Arizona State Right-of-Way on the Navajo Nation as one of his Smart Highway Corridors initiative to install Broadband Conduit and Fiber Optic Cable.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by Nahata Dziil Commission Governance at a duly called meeting at Nahata Dziil Commission Governance's Meeting Hall, NAVAJO NATION, Sanders, (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 03 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstained, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

  
Wayne Lynch, Commission President  
Nahata Dziil Commission Governance

Motion by: Darryl Ahasteen

Second by: Darrell Tso



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Kee Allen Begay, Jr., Council Delegate, 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Katherine O. Arthur, President  
Aljerno Tsedah, Vice President  
Jacqueline J. Begaye, Secretary/Treasurer

Francine Harrison, CSC  
Lewanda Ben, AMS  
Roland Tso, Grazing Committee

**MF - 32-03-2020**

**REQUESTING THE ARIZONA GOVERNOR DUCEY TO INCLUDE HIGHWAY 191,  
THE ARIZONA STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY, ON THE NAVAJO NATION AS ONE OF  
HIS SMART HIGHWAY CORRIDORS INITIATIVE TO INSTALL BROADBAND  
CONDUIT AND FIBER OPTIC CABLE**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to CMY-23-79, the Many Farms Chapter is a certified chapter of the Navajo Nation vested with authority and responsibilities to provide and enact on all matters affecting the community; AND
2. Pursuant CAP-34-98, the Navajo Nation Council adopted the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA) that allows Many Farms Chapter to make decisions over local matters; AND
3. The Many Farms Chapter is vested with the Authority to make recommendation on behalf of the chapter community when necessary; AND
4. The Arizona Governor has announced a Major New Investments in Rural Broadband; AND
5. The Arizona Governor Rural Broadband initiative will create the "Smart Highway Corridors" along Rural Highways; AND
6. The Highway 191, Arizona State Right-of-Ways, runs North of Interstate 40 from Sanders, Arizona and Mexican Water, Arizona to the State of Utah boarder; AND
7. The Highway 191 is within the Navajo Nation and Rural part of the State of Arizona; AND
8. The Broadband Infrastructure is greatly needed on the Navajo Nation to enhance economic growth, connect rural schools, establish effective communication for First Responders and improve quality of life; AND
9. The Many Farms Chapter will greatly benefit from the Smart Highway Corridor improving local community growth; AND
10. The Many Farms Chapter request the Arizona Governor Ducey to include Highway 191 as one of the Smart Highway Corridor to benefit the community members of the Navajo Nation and those who travels through the area.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Many Farms Chapter is Requesting the Arizona Governor Ducey to include Highway 191, The Arizona State Right-of-Way, on the Navajo Nation as one of his Smart Highway Corridors Initiative to install Broadband Conduit and Fiber Optic Cable

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**CERTIFICATION**

The Many Farms Chapter hereby approves the foregoing resolution that was considered by the Many Farms Chapter at a duly called meeting in Many Farms, AZ with a quorum was present that same was passed by a Vote of 25 in Favor, 0 Oppose and 2 abstained on this 9th day of March, 2020.

Motion by: Jerrison Jumbo

Second by: Edison Claw

Katherine O. Arthur  
Katherine O. Arthur, Chapter President

Kee A. Begay Jr.  
Kee A. Begay Jr., Council Delegate

Aljerino Tsedah  
Aljerino Tsedah, Vice President

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Roland Tso, Grazing Representative

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Jacqueline J. Begaye, Secretary / Treasurer

# GANADO CHAPTER

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## RESOLUTION No. GAN-204-2020

### RESOLUTION OF THE GANADO CHAPTER

**REQUESTING ARIZONA GOVERNOR DOUG DUCEY TO INCLUDE US191, THE  
ARIZONA STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY, ON THE NAVAJO NATION AS ONE OF HIS  
SMART HIGHWAY CORRIDORS INITIATIVE TO INSTALL BROADBAND  
CONDUIT AND FIBER OPTIC CABLE**

#### WHEREAS;

1. The Ganado Chapter is a duly certified local governing entity recognized by the Navajo Nation Council through 11 N.N.C. § 10(A), to advocate and address the needs and development of the local people to interact with other departments of the Navajo Nation, federal and local agencies which serve and affect the Navajo Nation; and

2. The Ganado Chapter is a Governance Certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation vested authority under 26 N.N.C. § 101 et. seq; and

3. Ganado Chapter pursuant to Navajo Nation central governing policies and procedures, has direct responsibility and authority to promote, protect and preserve the interest and general welfare of its community, memberships, programs and property; and

4. The Ganado Chapter is aware that Arizona Governor Doug Ducey has announced a major new investments in rural broadband; and

5. The Arizona Governor Rural Broadband initiative will create the "Smart Highway Corridors" along rural highways; and

6. Highway US191, Arizona State Right-of-Ways, runs north of Interstate 40 from Sanders, Arizona to Mexican Water, Arizona and onto the State of Utah boarder; and

7. Highway US191 is within the Navajo Nation and rural part of the State of Arizona; and

8. The Broadband Infrastructure is greatly needed on the Navajo Nation to enhance economic growth, connect rural schools, establish effective communication for First Responders and improve quality of life; and



9. The Ganado Chapter will greatly benefit from the Smart Highway Corridor improving local community growth; and

10. The Ganado Chapter is requesting Arizona Governor Doug Ducey to include Highway US191 as one of the Smart Highway Corridor to benefit the community members of the Navajo Nation and those who travels through the area.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;**

Ganado Chapter is respectfully requesting Arizona Governor Doug Ducey to include Highway US191, the Arizona State Right-of-Way, on the Navajo nation as one of his Smart Highway Corridors Initiative to install broadband conduit and fiber optic cable.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Ganado Chapter at a duly called meeting at Ganado, Navajo Nation, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that same passed by a vote of 27 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstained on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

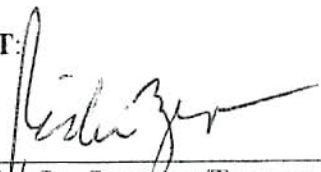
**MOTION** by: Steven Kee

**SECOND** by: Verna Nez



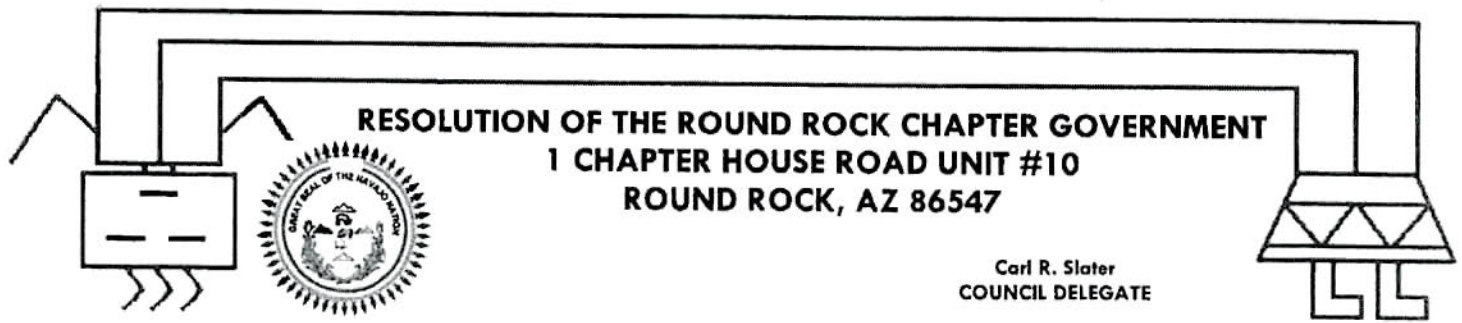
Marcarlo Roanhorse, Chapter President  
GANADO CHAPTER

**ATTEST:**



Richie Nez Sr., Secretary/Treasurer  
GANADO CHAPTER





**ROUN2003-10**

**REQUESTING THE ARIZONA GOVERNOR DUCEY TO INCLUDE HIGHWAY 191, THE ARIZONA STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY, ON THE NAVAJO NATION AS ONE OF HIS SMART HIGHWAY CORRIDORS INITIATIVE TO INSTALL BROADBAND CONDUIT AND FIBER OPTIC CABLE**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (26 N.N.C.), Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, Section 3 (A) the Round Rock Chapter Government, is a certified Chapter Organization, which elects a Delegate to the Navajo Nation Council. The Chapter is also listed as being certified at Part 1, Section 10, of 11 N.N.C., the "Navajo Nation Election Code; AND
2. Pursuant to the same "Act", Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, Section 1 (B-1), the Navajo Nation Council; delegates to our Chapter, governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Law, including custom and tradition; AND
3. Section 1 (B-2), authorizes our Chapter, to improve Community decision making; allow us to excel and flourish; enable our Navajo Leaders to lead towards a prosperous future, and improve the strength and sovereignty of the Navajo Nation. Our Chapter is compelled to govern with responsibility and accountability to us, the Local Citizens; AND
4. Pursuant to the Federal "Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L; 93-638), as amended, our Chapter Government, is entitled and supported to initiate plans and make recommendations, requests, and thus; determine the promotion, protection, and preservation of the general welfare of our Community People, as well as the Navajo Nation; AND
5. The Arizona Governor has announced a Major New Investments in Rural Broadband;; AND
6. The Arizona Governor Rural Broadband initiative will create the "Smart Highway Corridors" along Rural Highways; AND
7. The Highway 191, Arizona State Right-of-Ways, runs North of Interstate 40 from Sanders, Arizona and Mexican Water, Arizona to the State of Utah boarder; AND
8. The Highway 191 is within the Navajo Nation and Rural part of the State of Arizona; AND

Willywood Harvey, Sr.  
PRESIDENT

Paul Jim  
VICE-PRESIDENT

Ramona Rogers  
SECRETARY/TREASURER

Robert Wagner  
GRAZING OFFICIAL

Gayla James  
COMMUNITY SERVICES  
COORDINATOR

Mary L. John  
ACCOUNT  
MAINTENANCE  
SPECIALIST

9. The Broadband Infrastructure is greatly needed on the Navajo Nation to enhance economic growth, connect rural schools, establish effective communication for First Responders and improve quality of life; AND
10. The Round Rock Chapter will greatly benefit from the Smart Highway Corridor improving local community growth; AND
11. The Round Rock Chapter request the Arizona Governor Ducey to include Highway 191 as one of the Smart Highway Corridor to benefit the community members of the Navajo Nation and those who travels through the area.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

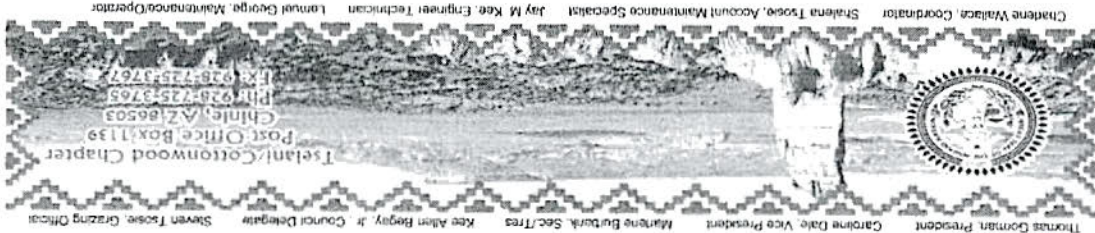
1. The Round Rock Chapter Government hereby with all due respect, hereby requests the Arizona Governor Ducey to include Highway 191, The Arizona State Right-of-Way, on the Navajo Nation as one of his Smart Highway Corridors Initiative to install Broadband Conduit and Fiber Optic.

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was considered by the Round Rock Chapter at a duly called Chapter Meeting at Round Rock, Navajo Nation, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, and 01 abstained, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of **March, 2020** with a motion by Raymond Johnson, and second by Emmit C. Gold.

Kellywood Harvey, Sr

Kellywood Harvey Sr., President



RESOLUTION OF THE TSELANI-COTTONWOOD CHAPTER  
TSEL-20-580

REQUESTING THE ARIZONA GOVERNOR DUECY TO INCLUDE HIGHWAY 191, THE ARIZONA  
STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY, ON THE NAVAJO NATION AS ONE OF HIS SMART HIGHWAY  
CORRIDORS INITIATIVE TO INSTALL BROADBAND CONDUIT AND FIBER OPTIC CABLE

WHEREAS:

1. The Tselani-Cottonwood Chapter is governed by the Navajo Nation Code Title 26 Local Governance Act as a unit of government with delegated authority to make decision over local matters that are consistent with the existing Navajo laws; AND
2. The Tselani-Cottonwood Chapter is delegated the authority to make decision over the local matters that are consistent with existing Navajo laws including custom and tradition; AND
3. The Arizona Governor has announced a Major New Investments in Rural Broadband; AND
4. The Arizona Governor Rural Broadband initiative will create the "Smart Highway Corridors" along Rural Highways; AND
5. The Highway 191, Arizona State Right-of-Ways, runs North of Interstate 40 from Sanders, Arizona and Mexican Water, Arizona to the State of Utah border; AND
6. The Highway 191 is within the Navajo Nation and Rural part of the State of Arizona; AND
7. The Broadband Infrastructure is greatly needed on the Navajo Nation to enhance economic growth, connect rural schools, establish effective communication for First Responders and improve quality of life; AND
8. The Tselani-Cottonwood Chapter will greatly benefit from the Smart Highway Corridor improving local community growth; AND
9. The Tselani-Cottonwood Chapter request the Arizona Governor Duecy to include Highway 191 as one of the Smart Highway Corridor to benefit the community members of the Navajo Nation and those who travels through the area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Tselani-Cottonwood Chapter is Requesting the Arizona Governor Duecy to include Highway 191, The Arizona State Right-of-Way, on the Navajo Nation as one of his Smart Highway Corridors Initiative to install Broadband Conduit and Fiber Optic Cable



CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was considered by Tselani-Cottonwood Chapter at a duly called meeting at Cottonwood, Navajo Nation (Apache, County, Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 18 in favor, 00 opposed and 03 abstained on this 8th day of March, 2020.

Motioned by Glenn Rice  
Thomas Hornum, Chapter President  
Marlene Burbank, Sec/Treasurer  
Seconded by Peter Tofani  
Caroline Dale, Vice-President  
Kee Allen Hegay, Jr., Council Delegate

# BLUE GAP/TACHEE CHAPTER

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KEE ALLEN BEGAY COUNCIL DELEGATE

ELLA M. KAY CHAIRMAN

BGCH20-03-007

## REQUESTING THE ARIZONA GOVERNOR DUCY TO INCLUDE HIGHWAY 191, THE ARIZONA STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY, ON THE NAVAJO NATION AS ONE OF HIS SMART HIGHWAY CORRIDORS INITIATIVE TO INSTALL BROADBAND CONDUIT AND FIBER OPTIC CABLE

### WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 3 (A) the Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter is a duly recognized certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government; AND
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 1 (B) the Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter is vested with the authority to review all matters affecting the community; AND
3. The Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter is vested with the Authority to make recommendation on behalf of the chapter community when necessary; AND
4. The Arizona Governor has announced a Major New Investments in Rural Broadband; AND
5. The Arizona Governor Rural Broadband initiative will create the "Smart Highway Corridors" along Rural Highways; AND
6. The Highway 191, Arizona State Right-of-Ways, runs North of Interstate 40 from Sanders, Arizona and Mexican Water, Arizona to the State of Utah boarder; AND
7. The Highway 191 is within the Navajo Nation and Rural part of the State of Arizona; AND
8. The Broadband Infrastructure is greatly needed on the Navajo Nation to enhance economic growth, connect rural schools, establish effective communication for First Responders and Improve quality of life; AND
9. The Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter will greatly benefit from the Smart Highway Corridor improving local community growth; AND
10. The Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter request the Arizona Governor Ducey to include Highway 191 as one of the Smart Highway Corridor to benefit the community members of the Navajo Nation and those who travels through the area.

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter is requesting the Arizona Governor Ducey to include Highway 919, the Arizona State Right-of-Way, on the Navajo Nation as one of his Smart Highway Corridors Initiative to install Broadband Conduit and Fiber Optic Cable

# BLUE GAP/TACHEE CHAPTER

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KEE ALLEN BEGAY COUNCIL DELEGATE

ELLA M. KAY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

BGCH20-03-007

## CERTIFICATION

The Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter hereby approves the foregoing resolution that was considered by the Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter at a duly called meeting in Blue Gap, Arizona with a quorum was present that same was passed by a vote of 26 in favor, 00 Oppose and 02 abstained on this 06 day on March, 2020.

Motion by:

Helen Nez

Second by:

Annie Jimmy

Aaron P. Yazzie, Chapter President

Marcus Tulley, Chapter Vice President

Betty V. Askie, Chapter Sec./Treasurer

Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Council Delegate



# Wide Ruins Community Chapter

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Lourie J. Nelson, Vice-President  
Bernice Watson, Secretary/Treasurer  
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WDR 03-008-20

## RESOLUTION OF THE WIDE RUINS CHAPTER

REQUESTING THE ARIZONA STATE GOVERNOR DOUG DUCEY TO INCLUDE HIGHWAY 191, THE ARIZONA STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE NAVAJO NATION AS ONE OF HIS SMART HIGHWAY CORRIDORS INITIATIVE TO INSTALL BROADBAND CONDUIT/S AND FIBER OPTIC CABLE/S

### WHEREAS:

1. The Wide Ruins Community Chapter is a certified Navajo Nation Chapter Government, and pursuant to Navajo Nation Council CS-6002 is delegated a governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with the Navajo laws, including customs, traditions and fiscal matters; and
2. By resolution CAP 34-98, the Navajo Nation council approved the "Local Governance Act" wherein the Navajo Nation Council delegated governmental authority to the Chapters of the Navajo Nation to address matters of local concerns with Navajo law, custom and tradition, and
3. The Arizona State Governor Doug Ducey has announced a major new investment in rural broadband; and
4. The Arizona State Governor Doug Ducey rural broadband initiative will create the "Smart Highway Corridor/s" along Arizona rural highways; and
5. Arizona State Route Highway 191 Right of Way runs from Chambers AZ north of Interstate 40 to Mexican Water, AZ and onto the Utah state border; and
6. Arizona State Route Highway 191 is a rural route within the Navajo Nation within the state of Arizona; and
7. The broadband infrastructure is greatly needed on the Navajo Nation to enhance economic growth, connect rural schools, establish effective communication for "First Responders" and to improve the quality of life for all individuals; and
8. The Wide Ruins Chapter will greatly benefit from the "Smart Highway Corridor" by improving local community growth; and
9. The Wide Ruins Community Chapter requests Governor Ducey to include Highway 191 as one of the "Smart Highway Corridor/s" to benefit the community members of the Navajo Nation including those who travel through the area.



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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Wide Ruins Community Chapter requests the Arizona State Governor Doug Ducey to include Highway 191, the Arizona State Right-of-Way on the Navajo Nation as one of his "Smart Highway Corridors Initiative" to install broadband and fiber optic cable/s.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered by the Wide Ruins Community Chapter at a duly called meeting at Wide Ruins, Navajo Nation (Arizona), which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 21 in favor, opposed and 10 abstained, this 11th day of March 2020.

MOTIONED BY: MRS. BERTHA JOE

SECONDED BY: MRS. SARAH CHEE

*Signed For: (Bertha Joe)*  
Mr. Cecil Hubbell, Sr., President



# NEW: Governor Ducey Announces Major New Investments In Rural Broadband



**PHOENIX** — Governor Doug Ducey announced today tens of millions of dollars in new investments to connect rural Arizona to fast, reliable internet.

During today's State of the State Address, Governor Ducey said:

We need to connect all parts of our growing state. Rural areas still lack high-speed Internet. Let's triple our investment in Rural Broadband Grants, and also invest \$50 million in Smart Highway Corridors to install broadband along our rural interstates. This will make our highways safer and smarter than ever before and pave the way to get all of rural Arizona logged on.

## **Smart Highway Corridors:**

Nearly \$50 million in funding for Smart Highway Corridors will enable the Arizona Department of Transportation to install over 500 miles of broadband conduit and fiber optic cable along designated highway segments throughout rural areas of the state. The new corridors will improve highway safety while providing future broadband capacity for smart infrastructure projects in Arizona's rural and tribal areas. Designated areas for investment include:

- Interstate 17 between Sunset Point and Flagstaff;
- Interstate 40 between the Arizona-New Mexico and Arizona-California borders;
- And Interstate 19 between Tucson and Nogales.

## **Broadband Enhancement:**

Governor Ducey also announced an additional \$10 million in Rural Broadband Development Grants, more than three times last year's investment. The funding will accelerate the enhancement of broadband infrastructure and enhance economic growth and quality of life in rural areas. Last year's additional investment alone helped fund projects such as:

- **Providing** high-speed fiber cable service to approximately 400 business customers in Payson, Star Valley and Tonto Apache Tribe.
- **Providing** high-speed broadband service at speeds up to 10 Gbps symmetrical to roughly 35,000 residents in Bullhead City, Fort Mohave and Mohave Valley.
- **Creating** a new fiber-optic middle mile to Page to serve 310 small businesses and 1,066 households in the area.

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## NAVAJO NATION

4/30/2020

Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Special Mtg

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Amd# to Amd# MOT Freeland, M SEC Smith	Legislation 0096-20: Requesting Arizona Governor Ducey to Include Highway 191 in the Smart Highway Corridor Initiative to Install..	PASSED
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Yeas : 20

Nays : 0

Excused : 1

Not Voting : 2

Yea : 20

Begay, E	Crotty	James, V	Tso, C
Begay, K	Daniels	Nez, R	Tso, D
Begay, P	Freeland, M	Slater, C	Tso, O
Brown	Halona, P	Smith	Wauneka, E
Charles-Newton	Henio, J	Stewart, W	Yellowhair

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Excused : 1

Tso, E

Not Voting : 2

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Walker, T

Presiding Speaker: Damon