

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

23RD Navajo Nation Council---First Year 2015

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' ; SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 79, NEW MEXICO APPROPRIATING
NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$900,000) TO COUNTY AND TRIBAL
HEALTH COUNCILS

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 health. 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 Department of Health, to provide efficient services to Navajo members. 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 17, 2009, the New Mexico Department of Health 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 Howie C. Morales introduced Senate Bill 79, relating to making an appropriation to the Department of Health to fund County and Tribal Health Councils' efforts to identify and address local communities' health needs. EXHIBIT A.

- G. New Mexico Senate Bill 79 proposes to appropriate nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) from the general fund to the department of health to fund county and tribal health councils' local communities health needs. EXHIBIT A.
- H. The Navajo Nation supports New Mexico Senate Bill 79.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. The Navajo Nation respectfully requests the New Mexico Legislature to pass New Mexico Senate Bill 79, An Act making an Appropriation to the Department of Health to Fund County and Tribal Health Councils' Efforts to Identify and Address Local Communities' Health Needs.
- 2. 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'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 19 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 Abstain this 19th Day of February, 2015.



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

Motion: Honorable Davis Filfred
Second: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.



1 SENATE BILL 79

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

3 INTRODUCED BY

4 Howie C. Morales

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO FUND
12 COUNTY AND TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCILS' EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND
13 ADDRESS LOCAL COMMUNITIES' HEALTH NEEDS.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Nine hundred thousand dollars
17 (\$900,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
18 department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2016 to
19 fund county and tribal health councils' identification of local
20 communities' health needs and development of strategies to
21 address those needs pursuant to the Maternal and Child Health
22 Plan Act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
23 the end of fiscal year 2016 shall revert to the general fund.
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