

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

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Second Year, 2016

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' NAVAJO SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Authority

- A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'íyáti' as a Navajo Nation standing committee and empowered the committee to "[t]o coordinate all...federal programs with other standing committees and branches of the Navajo Nation government to provide the most effective delivery of services to the Navajo Nation." 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A) and 701(A)(4) (2012) see also CJA-03-13.
- B. The Navajo Nation Council gave Naabik'íyáti' Committee the authority to delegate its authority as appropriate for efficiency and streamlining of government process to appropriate entities. 2 N.N.C. § 701(B) (2012) see also CJA-03-13.
- C. Naabik'íyáti' Committee holds the authority to establish the Navajo Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee and such subcommittee shall exist until its assigned tasks are completed and a report and recommendation is made to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) see also CJA-03-13.

Section Two. Findings

- A. American Indians are twice as likely to experience rape/sexual assault than any other race. BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS, AMERICAN INDIANS AND CRIME 5 (2004).
- B. Sixty-six percent (66%) of the violent crimes in which the offender's race was reported, American Indians victims indicated the offender was a different race. BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS, AMERICAN INDIANS AND CRIME 9 (2004).

- C. President Obama stated that "Tribal governments have an inherent right to protect their people, and all women deserve the right to live free from fear." Alysa Landry, *A Question of Justice: Navajo Nation Considers Violence Against Women Act*, INDIAN COUNTRY TODAY, April 2, 2015.
- D. In 2013, 565 violent crimes were known to Navajo Nation law enforcement; the total included 320 rapes and 210 aggravated assaults. BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS, TRIBAL CRIME DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITIES, 2015 8 (2015).
- E. According to Navajo Nation court records, domestic violence cases made up twelve percent (12%) of their entire caseload in 2014. Landry.
- F. Establishing a Navajo Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee to enhance the safety of the Navajo Nation is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation.

Section Two. Naabik'íyáti' Navajo Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee Establishment

- A. The Navajo Nation establishes the Naabik'íyáti' Navajo Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee to strengthen the response to sexual assault victims, explore the possibility of data sharing and cross-deputation, explore the possibility of developing a coordinated community response to sexual assault, strengthen the sexual assault laws, and other issues that develop during the meetings regarding sexual assault.
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Navajo Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee shall:
 - 1. Report monthly to the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council on the Task Force's activities; and
 - 2. Transfer information and recommendations to the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, appropriate Navajo Nation Council standing committees, and appropriate Legislative Branch boards, commissions, agencies, offices and programs.
- C. The Naabik'íyáti' Navajo Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee shall consist of six members who are from the Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, Resources and Development, and the Budget and Finance

Committees. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee shall appoint the subcommittee members. The appointed delegates serve at the pleasure of the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee appoints the following delegates to the subcommittee:

1. Jonathan Perry, Law and Order Committee
 2. Otto Tso, Law and Order Committee
 3. Dwight Witherspoon, Budget and Finance Committee
 4. Amber Crotty, Health, Education and Human Services Committee
 5. Jonathan L. Hale, Health, Education and Human Services Committee
 6. Leonard Tsosie, Resources and Development Committee
- D. The Naabik'iyáti' Navajo Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee by majority vote shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson at their first meeting. The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall serve at the subcommittee's pleasure; replacement shall be by majority vote.
- E. The Naabik'iyáti' Navajo Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee shall establish a regular meeting day(s) of the month.

Section Three. Subcommittee Term

The Naabik'iyáti' Navajo Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee shall exist until their assigned tasks are completed and shall report their recommendations to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) *see also* CJA-03-13.

Section Four. Directives

- A. The Speaker's Chief of Staff shall assign one policy analyst to assist the Naabik'iyáti' Navajo Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee.
- B. The Legislative Services' Executive Director shall assign two Office of Legislative Services staffers to assist the Naabik'iyáti' Navajo Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee.
- C. The Speaker shall determine a Subcommittee budget and identify the funds.

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, 0 oppose, this 12th day of May, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LoRenzo Bates", with a large, stylized initial "L" and "B".

LoRenzo Bates, Chairperson
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Second: Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd

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MOT Crotty

Establishing the NABI Navajo

SEC Shepherd

Sexual Assault Subcommittee
(as amended)

Yea : 13

Nay : 0

Not Voting : 11

Yea : 13

Begay, NM
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Crotty
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Perry

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Witherspoon

Nay : 0

Not Voting : 11

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