

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

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2015

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE  
SACRED SITES TASK FORCE AS A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such Naabik'íyáti' Committee's purpose is "to provide for the compilation and publication of all Navajo Nation laws, rules and regulations". 2 N.N.C. §700 (A) (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.
- B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §186 each committee may establish sub-committees consisting of members selected by the committee.
- C. The sub-committee shall exist until its assigned tasks are completed and report and recommendation is made to the committee.
- D. Through NABIJY-51-12, 22<sup>nd</sup> Navajo Nation Council, §2 (2012), the Sacred Sites Task Force was established as a sub-committee of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee.

Section Two. Establishment

- A. The Sacred Sites Task Force was established for the following purposes:
  - 1. To identify all sacred sites within the Navajo Nation; and
  - 2. To identify the nature and detail of any and all controversies pertaining to any sacred site within the Navajo Nation; and

3. Obtain testimony and expert guidance for the purposes of developing necessary assessment and strategies regarding matters of sacred site controversy; and
  4. Recommend strategies and action plans to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee for consideration and recommendation to the Navajo Nation Council as appropriate.
- B. The Sacred Sites Task Force shall consist of five Delegates of the Navajo Nation Council as appointed by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council and shall operate pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §186.
- C. The Sacred Sites Task Force shall be chaired by the Chair of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee and "shall meet at the call of the chair".

### **Section Three. Appointment**

- A. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council hereby appoints Otto Tso, Dwight Witherspoon, Jonathan Hale, Jonathan Perry and Davis Filfred to serve on the Naabik'íyáti' Sacred Sites Task Force as provided for by 2 N.N.C. §186; see attached Exhibit A Appointment Memorandum.
- B. The Chair of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, LoRenzo Bates, shall chair the Sacred Sites Task Force.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' 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 10 in favor and 3 opposed, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.



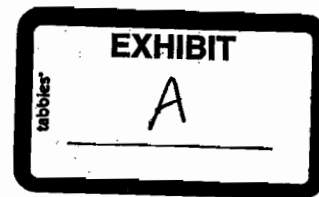
Seth Damon, Pro Tem Chairperson  
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Tuchoney Slim, Jr.  
Second: Honorable Otto Tso

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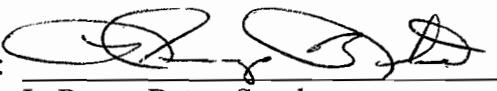


**HONORABLE LoRenzo Bates**  
*Speaker, 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council*



**Memorandum**

To: Otto Tso, Council Delegate  
Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate  
Jonathan Hale, Council Delegate  
Nelson Begaye, Council Delegate  
Davis Filfred, Council Delegate

From:   
LoRenzo Bates, Speaker  
Navajo Nation Council

Date: April 21, 2015

Re: Sacred Sites Task Force Appointments

I am pleased to appoint you to the Sacred Sites Task Force, sub-committee of the Naabik'iyati' Committee. This Task Force was established to (1) identify all sacred sites within the Navajo Nation; (2) identify the nature and detail of any and all controversies pertaining to any sacred site within the Navajo Nation; (3) obtain testimony and expert guidance for the purpose of developing necessary assessment and strategies regarding matters of sacred site controversy; and (4) recommend strategies and action plans to the Naabiki'yati Committee for consideration and recommendation to the Navajo Nation Council as appropriate.

Your term as Sacred Sites Task Force sub-committee member shall coincide with your term as a Navajo Nation Council Delegate and until your successor is appointed.

Again, I am pleased to appoint you to the Sacred Sites Task Force sub-committee.