

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0034-19

DATE: February 11, 2019

SUBJECT: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE;
SUPPORTING UTAH CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TITLED
"DESIGNATING MAY 5 AS MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS
WOMEN, GIRLS, AND LGBT+ AWARENESS DAY"

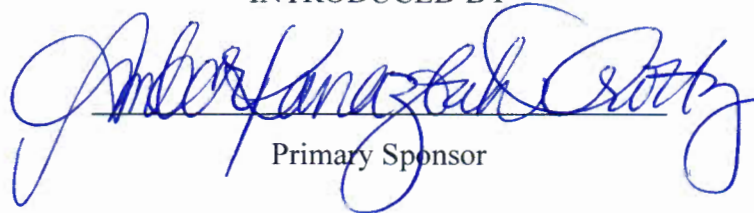
PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation support legislation proposed by the Utah legislature.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate review the proposed resolution in detail.-

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2019

INTRODUCED BY


Primary Sponsor

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WHEREAS:

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'iyáti' Committee to coordinate all state programs, including education in public schools. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701 (A)(6).
- B. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of Utah.
- C. Concurrent Resolution, H. C. R. 6, seeks to designate May 5 as a day of awareness for missing and murdered indigenous women, girls, and LGBT+ individuals.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports Utah Concurrent Resolution, H.C.R. 6, titled "DESIGNATING MAY 5 AS MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS, AND LGBT+ AWARENESS DAY," attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

1 B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council,
2 President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to advocate the Navajo Nation's
3 support of the Utah Concurrent Resolution, H.C.R. 6.
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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAY 5 AS
MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS,
AND LGBT+ AWARENESS DAY**

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Angela Romero

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution designates May 5 as "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and LGBT+ Awareness Day."

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- highlights data and impacts related to missing and murdered indigenous women, girls, and LGBT+;
- designates May 5 as "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and LGBT+ Awareness Day"; and
- calls on the people of Utah and interested groups to commemorate the lives of missing and murdered indigenous women, girls, and LGBT+ and demonstrate solidarity with the families.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, according to the United States Census there are over 70,300 Native Americans living in the state of Utah in one of the eight federally recognized tribal nations or



28 within Utah's urban areas;

29 WHEREAS, according to a study commissioned by the United States Department of
30 Justice, indigenous women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average;

31 WHEREAS, according to the most recently available data from the Centers for Disease
32 Control and Prevention, in 2015, homicide:

33 (1) ranged from the second to seventh leading cause of death for Native American
34 females between 1 and 39 years of age; and

35 (2) remained a leading cause of death for most Native American females between 40
36 and 64 years of age;

37 WHEREAS, according to a 2018 report by the Urban Indian Health Institute, Utah is
38 ranked 8th and Salt Lake City is ranked 9th nationwide for cases of missing and murdered
39 Native American women, girls, and LGBT+;

40 WHEREAS, challenges in collecting data and tracking prevent a full understanding of
41 the scope of the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women, girls, and LGBT+;

42 WHEREAS, tribal nations and community leaders are actively working to prevent
43 further violence against tribal community members in the state of Utah;

44 WHEREAS, this crisis affects the well-being of individuals and communities both on
45 and off tribal nations located in the state of Utah; and

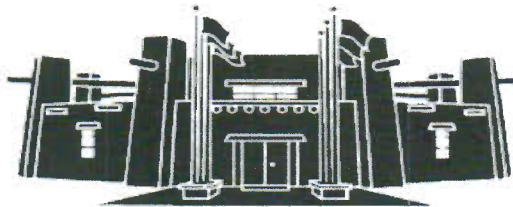
46 WHEREAS, in 2018, the United States Senate proclaimed May 5th "National Day of
47 Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls":

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
49 Governor concurring therein, designates May 5th of each year as the "Missing and Murdered
50 Indigenous Women, Girls, and LGBT+ Awareness Day"; and

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor call on the people
52 of Utah and interested groups to:

53 (1) commemorate the lives of missing and murdered indigenous women, girls, and
54 LGBT+ whose cases are documented or undocumented in public records and the media; and

55 (2) demonstrate solidarity with the families of the victims in light of those tragedies.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Amber K. Crotty
24th Navajo Nation Council

FROM: K A Lowell
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As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge.

Please ensure that this particular resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution.

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SPONSOR: Amber Kanazbah Crotty

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Concurrent Resolution Titled "Designating May 5 As Missing And Murdered
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