RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2018

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE POSITION OF THE NAVAJO NATION RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2019 IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

WHEREAS:

A. Statements of policy, enactment of positive law, intergovernmental agreements, budget resolutions, and reallocations must be reviewed and approved by resolution by the appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation Council except as otherwise provided herein. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A).

B. Statements of policy are written statements submitted to federal, state or local governments by a Navajo Nation official stating the official position of the Navajo Nation on proposed legislation or other action by that government. *See* 2 N.N.C. § 110 (W).

C. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'íyáti' Committee to assist and coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed county, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. *See* 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701(A)(6).

D. The 2019 Arizona Legislative Priorities provides a list of topics addressed during the Naabik'íyáti' Committee's State Affairs Task Force Subcommittee meetings.

E. The Navajo Nation's legislative priorities for the State of Arizona are as follows:

1. Community Development

   a. Pursue TPT equity, dual taxation or capital projects.

   b. Continue to protect Navajo gaming from private or state expansion.

c. Support additional Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) funding for counties.

d. Increase Navajo portion from Arizona Fuel Excise Tax from 12 cents to 16 cents.

e. Support the reintroduction and passage of SB 1086, which would have allowed Counties under a 400,000 population to increase taxes for roads.

2. Economic Development

a. Prioritize state funding for Navajo development between: (A) capital projects, (B) dual taxation, or (C) TPT equity.

b. Oppose forms of gaming expansion that harm Navajo gaming.

c. Continue to support Navajo efforts to keep Navajo Generating Station and Four Corners Power Plant open.

3. Education

a. Support Governor Ducey's plan for additional K-12 funding; 20% over three years.

b. Expand Code Writers Education Program for Navajo students.

c. Oppose any additional measure of Desegregation Phase Down, which cost Arizona schools, serving Navajo funding.

d. Continue to advocate for expanding Tribal College Dual Credit Program.

e. Advocate for increase funding for Office of Indian Education.

4. Public Safety

a. Continue support for First Net implementation.

b. Introduce Liquor Bill to limit liquor store placement close to the Navajo Nation.

5. Social Services

6. Healthcare

a. Continue to obtain appointment for Navajo to the Advisory Council for Indian Healthcare.

b. Navajo initiative to publicize Kids Care availability.

c. Advocate for a CMS ruling that will allow the Arizona policy on eliminating work requirements and 5 year lifetime limits for tribal members on AHCCCS.

d. Support the reintroduction and passage of SB 1086 which would have allowed, if passed, increased provision of chiropractic services.

7. Natural Resources

a. Continue to support the continued operation of Navajo Generating Station and Four Corners Power Plant.

b. Support LCR settlement processes that Navajo initiates with Hopi and the State.

c. Prepare to oppose legislation next session, if harmful, to Navajo regarding ground water issues.

d. Monitor Colorado River negotiations for any impact on Navajo.

e. Monitor deregulations docket at the Arizona Corporation Commission.

8. Navajo Veterans

a. Notify targeted qualified veterans for tax refund, application process, and the time limit to obtain funds.

b. Ensure sufficient state budget funding for the Arizona Department of Veteran's Services to serve Navajo Veterans, as well.

c. Work with Navajo Veterans agency and State to ensure effective delivery service.

d. Advocate for additional funding for Veterans Educational Assistance, boost workforce opportunities for Veterans;

e. Increase funding for services related to Social Services, and Mental Health.

f. Advocate for grants to fund community agencies to provide services for community and veterans cemeteries.

9. Transportation

a. Support Arizona Department of Transportation's application for 2018 Competitive Highway Bridge Program: US 191 Bridge bundling project.

1. Chinle Wash Bridge (Structure No. 1003) - Bridge rehabilitation and repair;

2. Agua Sal Wash - Southbound Bridge (Structure No. 1004) - Partial bridge deck replacement;

3. Agua Sal Wash - Northbound Bridge (Structure No. 1005) - Bridge Replacement;

4. Lukachukai Creek - (Structure No. 1006) - Bridge Replacement

b. Support State Rights-Of-Ways.

F. The Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest of the Navajo People to support the approval and adoption of the position of the Navajo Nation's legislative priorities regarding the State of Arizona for 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Navajo Nation's legislative priorities regarding the State of Arizona for 2019 and authorizes

the Navajo Nation President, the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, and their designees, and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee to advocate the position of the Navajo Nation with the State of Arizona Legislature, the Arizona Corporation Commission, Arizona State Agencies, and the State of Arizona Governor's Office for the preservation of funding and policies in the Navajo Nation's priority areas.

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 10 in Favor, and 02 Opposed, on this 29th day of November 2018.

Amber Kanazbah Crotty, Pro Tem Chairwoman
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motioned: Honorable Lee Jack, Sr.
Second : Honorable Edmund Yazzie

Pro Tem Chairwoman Amber Kanazbah Crotty not voting

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Naa'bik'iyati Committee

Amd# to Amd#	Legislation No. 0372-18	PASSED
MOT Jack	Approving the Position of the	
SEC Yazzie	NN relating to the Legislative	
	Priorities for 2019 in State Az	

Yea : 10 **Nay : 2** **Excused : 0** **Not Voting : 12**

Yea : 10

Bates	Bennett	Kieyoomia	Yazzie
Begay, K	Hale	Slim	Yellowhair
BeGaye, N	Jack		

Nay : 2

Perry	Pete

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 12

Begay, NM	Crotty	Filfred	Smith
Brown	Damon	Phelps	Tso
Chee	Daniels	Shepherd	Tsosie