

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2024

AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION WASHINGTON OFFICE

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council that oversees the operations of Navajo Nation government entities not specifically under the oversight of other standing committees, which includes the Navajo Nation Washington Office. 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(2). This authority includes the power to approve and amend the Plans of Operation for Navajo Nation offices that the Naabik'íyáti' Committee oversees.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation Washington Office ("NNWO") was established within the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government as an intergovernmental relations office. 2 N.N.C. § 1150.
- B. The NNWO's Plan of Operation has not been updated since 2013 when the Navajo Nation Council adopted the Title Two Reform Act of 2012. CJA-03-13 (overriding the presidential veto of CO-45-12)
- C. The Title Two Reform Act of 2012 and changed the NNWO's legislative oversight from the former Government Services Committee to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. CJA-03-13 (overriding the presidential veto of CO-45-12), Section 5 (A) ("References in the Navajo Nation Code and other official documents to the Government Services Committee and Intergovernmental Relations Committee shall mean the Naabik'íyáti' Committee unless the amendments enacted herein or the context of previous law indicates otherwise.").
- D. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to approve the amendments to the Navajo Nation Washington Office's Plan of Operation as set forth below and in attached EXHIBIT A.

SECTION THREE. AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE NAVAJO NATION WASHINGTON OFFICE'S PLAN OF OPERATION

- A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee hereby amends 2 N.N.C. §§ 1154 and 1155 as set forth below and in Exhibit A:

**§ 1154. Legislative oversight**

The Navajo Nation Washington Office shall operate under the legislative oversight of the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A) ~~Government Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 343.~~

**§ 1155. Amendments**

This plan of operation may be amended by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A). ~~Government Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 343 (B) (2).~~

- B. The Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Washington Office as amended herein, shall supersede the previous Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Washington Office approved by Resolution No. GSCJY-14-08.

**SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 701(A) (2) and 2 N.N.C. § 221(C).

**SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

If any provision of this Action is determined invalid by the Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation, or by a Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of this Action shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 25<sup>th</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 17 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.



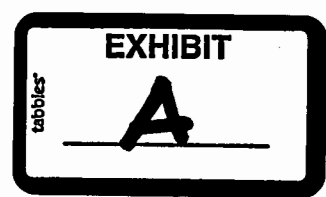
Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Chairwoman  
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

4/12/2024

Date

Motion: Honorable Curtis Yanito  
Second: Honorable Shaandiin Parrish

Chairwoman Crystalyne Curley not voting



**Title 2. Navajo Nation Government  
Chapter 5. Executive Branch  
Subchapter 7. Navajo Nation Washington Office**

**§ 1150. Establishment**

There is hereby established the Navajo Nation Washington Office within the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government as an intergovernmental relations office.

**§ 1151. Purposes**

The purposes of the Navajo Nation Washington Office are to:

- A. Exist as an extension of the Navajo Nation government in Washington, D.C., representing the Navajo Nation government's concerns to the United States Congress and federal Agencies.
- B. Enhance the success of the Navajo Nation government's goals and objectives by strengthening the control and influence of the Navajo Nation over the activities of the federal Government.
- C. Maintain a Navajo presence in Washington, D.C., that would emphasize the government-to-government relationship thereby improving the capacity of the Navajo People to govern and represent themselves.
- D. Provide for the Navajo Nation government easy and rapid access to Congress, the Administration, and federal Agencies.
- E. Monitor and analyze all Congressional legislation and activities of committees and subcommittees that affect the Navajo Nation, as well as all federal administration activities, specifically those that administer Indian programs.
- F. Distribute to the Navajo Nation government information concerning congressional and administrative activities that affect the welfare of the Navajo Nation and to provide advice regarding alternatives that exist in developing strategies and decisions concerning Navajo programs, policies, budgets, and any other areas of concern to the Navajo Nation.
- G. Assist in the preparation of legislative proposals and testimony before Congress.
- H. Provide assistance to Navajo Nation government entities testifying before Congress or conducting Navajo Nation government business in Washington, D.C.

## **§ 1152. Personnel**

- A. There is hereby established the position of the Director of the Navajo Nation Washington Office and such other positions as may from time to time be budgeted for by the Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council or the Navajo Nation Council or by any other source acceptable to the President of the Navajo Nation.
- B. The Director shall be appointed by the President of the Navajo Nation, subject to confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council, to serve at a negotiated salary and at the pleasure of the President of the Navajo Nation.
- C. All other personnel shall be hired by the Director and shall serve at the pleasure of the Director. Such personnel shall be employed in accordance with the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual. Compensation for Navajo Nation Washington Office employees shall factor in the need to attract qualified Navajos to employment positions at prevailing market pay levels within the Washington, D.C. area. See, Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual, Section VII(D)(3)-(5).

## **§ 1153. Duties, responsibilities and authority of the Director**

The duties, responsibilities and authority of the Director shall be as follows:

- A. Report and be responsible to the Navajo Nation Council through the President of the Navajo Nation for the accomplishment of the purposes, objectives, and functions of the Navajo Nation Washington Office.
- B. Formulate overall administrative and operating policies pertaining to the Navajo Nation Washington Office and to take such actions as the Director shall deem necessary for the accomplishment and enforcement thereof.
- C. Represent the Navajo Nation Washington Office in executive level planning.
- D. Represent the Navajo Nation government within the areas of the responsibility of the office in dealings and relations with persons and organizations outside the Navajo Nation government.
- E. Conduct such special projects and programs as may be assigned.
- F. Delegate authority to his or her staff.

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#### **§§ 1156 to 1199. [Reserved]**

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4/11/2024

Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Regular Meeting

11:17:03 AM

Amd# to Amd#

New Business: Item A.

PASSED

MOT Yanito, C

CONSENT AGENDA > 0069-24,0078-24

SEC Parrish, S

0040-24,0062-24,0064-24,0065-24

0066-24,0074-24,0077-24

Yeas : 17

Nays : 0

Excused : 6

Not Voting : 0

Yea : 17

Aseret, L

Johnson, C

Simonson, G

Tso, O

Begay, H

Nez, A

Simpson, D

Yanito, C

Crotty, A

Notah, N

Slater, C

Yazzie, C

Daniels, H

Parrish, S

Tolth, G

Yazzie, L

James, V

Nay : 0

Excused : 6

Arviso, S

Charles-Newton, E

Jesus, B

Nez, R

Begay, N

Claw, S

Not Voting : 0

Presiding Speaker: Curley, C