

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2020

AN ACTION  
RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE  
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE NAVAJO NATION AS DETERMINED BY THE  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RELATING TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA AND  
INCLUDING COLORADO OUTREACH EFFORTS

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. 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 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. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701 (A)(6).
- D. The 2020 Arizona Legislative Priorities provides a list of topics addressed during the Naabik'íyáti' Committee's State Task Force Subcommittee meetings.
- E. The Navajo Nation's legislative priorities for the State of Arizona are as follows:
  - 1. Community Development
    - a. TPT for economic development or Pursue efforts to end dual taxation
    - b. Pursue State Representative Teller TPT bill to return more TPT to the tribe

- c. Appropriation for senior/veterans center in Ganado
- d. Annual appropriation for tribal colleges: Diné College/NTU/TON College/San Carlos College
- e. NN TPT Rural Tribal Bill 15% of TPT to Navajo Nation for economic infrastructure and public safety in addition to 15% going to Navajo colleges
- f. Public safety projects with NM at Shiprock and Fort Defiance
- g. Establish a joint-use National Guard post/veteran's office
- h. Increase infrastructure development in Bennett Freeze area
- i. DES Chinle Building
- j. First Net
- k. Uranium Remediation
- l. Gallup-Window Rock Water Project
- m. NGS/Arizona water certificates

2. Economic Development

- a. TPT for economic development (same as 1. a., above)
- b. Previous NN TPT Rural Tribal bill/ 15% of TPT to Navajo in addition to 15% now going to tribal colleges
- c. State Representative Teller bill allowing tribes to retain more TPT annually
- d. Support Navajo gaming viability and growth and maintain casino gaming as exclusive to tribes
- e. Assist with state and federal agencies to enhance Navajo Nations economic development efforts
- f. Monitor the Innovation and other Arizona Corporation Commission dockets for changes that would risk the viability of the Four Corners Power Plant

3. Education

- a. Appropriation for tribal colleges remedial education efforts: NTU, San Carlos Community College, Tohono O'odham Community College
- b. Support Governor Ducey's plan for additional K-12 funding; 20% over three years.
- c. Expand and continue Arizona Code Writers Education Program for Navajo students.
- d. Oppose any additional measure of Desegregation Phase Down, which cost Arizona schools, serving Navajo funding.
- e. Continue to advocate for expanding Tribal College Dual Credit Program.
- f. Advocate for increase funding for Office of Indian Education
- g. Support Arizona policy change to have Arizona funding for students attending schools across state lines
- h. Oppose the elimination of desegregation funding for Arizona public schools

4. Public Safety

- a. Public safety projects with New Mexico
- b. Continue support for First Net implementation
- c. Pursue liquor sale restrictions within a certain number of miles from the Navajo Nation border

5. Social Services

Seek to increase TANF funding lifetime limit

6. Sovereignty

Monitor and intervene on any legislation or Arizona administrative action which negatively impacts Navajo rights or sovereignty

7. Health Care



- a. Prevent the reduction in eligibility in the AHCCCS for Navajos
- b. Support the passage of legislation that allows AHCCCS payment for tribal members for chiropractic services
- c. Dental care for tribal members
- d. Diabetes management
- e. AZ health education centers

8. Natural Resources

- a. Monitor AZ public lands subject to federal condemnation that may impact the Navajo Nation
- b. Monitor possible developments that could harm Navajo businesses
- c. Monitor the acquisition of lands near Navajo businesses
- d. Assist with NNGE land on SR89 going into trust by dealing with state officials
- e. Support LCR settlement process
- f. Oppose Arizona water legislation that endangers Navajo's ground water or is harmful to Navajo
- g. Assist with the implementation of the Gallup-Window Rock pipeline
- h. Monitor next round of Colorado river discussions for any impact on Navajo
- i. USDA, NRC, NN, State memorandum on soil and water conservation that negatively affects Navajo rights or sovereignty.

9. Navajo Veterans

- a. Native American tax settlement extension
- b. Ensure sufficient state budget funding for the Arizona Department of Veteran's Services to serve Navajo Veterans

- c. Establish CBOC (Community Based Outpatient Clinic) on the Navajo Nation
- d. Explore the establishment of a Navajo veteran's cemetery

10. Transportation

- a. Change current AZ fuel IGA from 12 cents to the NN and 6 cents to the state to allow all 18 cents to stay on the NN
- b. Highway 191 road project/\$25 million
- c. HURF Fund ceasing sweeps language
- d. Highway 60 Navajo-Hopi projects
- e. US Bridge Bundle project/4 bridges
- f. Determine NN Policy for Arizona Rights-of-Way on Navajo trust land
- g. NDOT to join ADOT data system to give ADOT Navajo road information to empower ADOT funding

11. Colorado Outreach

- a. Meet with Huerfano and Custer County leaders
- b. Meet with Representative Tipton
- c. Meet with Governor Schutz
- d. Meet with Senators Bennet and Gardner

F. The Navajo Nation Naabik'íyáti' Committee's State Affairs Task Force Subcommittee recommends the Naabik'íyáti' Committee approve the priorities as indicated herein.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Navajo Nation's legislative priorities relating to the State of Arizona for 2020 as determined by the 24th Navajo Nation Council and authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, and their designees, and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, to advocate the position of the Navajo

Nation with the State of Arizona, State of Arizona Legislature, 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 24<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 15 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2020.



Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman  
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Vince James

Second: Honorable Mark A. Freeland

Chairman Seth Damon not voting

## NAVAJO NATION

Naa'bik'iyati Committee Meeting

1/23/2020

07:25:46 PM

Amd# to Amd#      Legislation 0005-20; Legislation  
 MOT James, V      0014-20; Legislation 0015-20;  
 SEC Freeland, M      Legislation 0016-20; Legislation  
                                  0018-20

PASSED

Yeas : 15

Nays : 0

Excused : 1

Not Voting : 7

## Yea : 15

Begay, K	Daniels	Nez, R	Tso, E
Begay, P	Freeland, M	Smith	Walker, T
Charles-Newton	Halona, P	Stewart, W	Yellowhair
Crotty	James, V	Tso, D	

## Nay : 0

## Excused : 1

Wauneka, E

## Not Voting : 7

Begay, E	Henio, J	Tso, C	Yazzie
Brown	Slater, C	Tso, O	

Presiding Speaker: Damon