

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2018

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES;
AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER OF THE NAVAJO NATION OR HIS DESIGNEE TO
INITIATE CONTACT WITH THE RESPECTIVE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENTS OF
THE STATES OF COLORADO, UTAH, NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA TO
ESTABLISH NAVAJO NATION PARTICIPATION IN THE GROWTH AND
PRODUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP PURSUANT TO THE RESPECTIVE STATE
PROTOCOLS AND THE AGRICULTURAL ACT OF 2014 (FEDERAL FARM BILL)

WHEREAS:

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has legislative authority and oversight over all matters related to health on the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 401 (C).
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has the legislative authority to assist the development of needed programs designed to serve the Navajo People. 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(7) .
- C. The Navajo Nation includes lands that lie within the States of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah.
- D. The Navajo Nation owns fee lands that lie within the State of Colorado.
- E. The Agricultural Act of 2014 (Federal Farm Bill) authorized States to establish agricultural research projects involving the production of industrial hemp.
- F. The Governor of the State of Arizona signed into law, on May 14, 2018, enabling legislation which establishes a hemp agricultural pilot program and allows for the cultivation, processing and sale of industrial hemp and products made from hemp, pursuant to the Federal Farm Bill.
- G. The Supreme Court of New Mexico issued a ruling, in April of 2018, upholding legislation authorizing New Mexico's participation in agricultural pilot programs involving the

cultivation, processing and sale of industrial hemp, pursuant to the Federal Farm Bill.


- H. The States of Colorado and Utah also allow for participation in agricultural pilot programs involving the cultivation, processing and sale of industrial hemp, pursuant to the Federal Farm Bill.
- I. The Resources and Development Committee finds it to be in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to recommend to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee that the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council or his designee to contact each of the listed States to initiate participation by the Navajo Nation in the cultivation, processing and sale of industrial hemp, pursuant to the respective state protocols and the Federal Farm Bill.
- J. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to authorize the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council or his designee to contact each of the listed States to initiate participation by the Navajo Nation in the cultivation, processing and sale of industrial hemp, pursuant to the respective state protocols and the Federal Farm Bill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. The Resources and Development Committee recommends and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council or his designee to contact each of the listed States to initiate participation by the Navajo Nation in the cultivation, processing and sale of industrial hemp, pursuant to the respective state protocols and the Federal Farm Bill.
- B. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council or his designee shall, within sixty (60) days of passage of this legislation, provide a report to the Resources and Development Committee and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council on the status of participation by the Navajo Nation in the cultivation, processing and sale of industrial hemp and products made from hemp.

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 05 Opposed, on this 13th day of September 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LoRenzo C. Bates', written in a cursive style.

LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairman
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motioned: Honorable Seth Damon
Second : Honorable Davis Filfred

Chairman LoRenzo C. Bates not voting

NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 1020

Naa'bik'iyati Committee

9/13/2018

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Amd# to Amd#

PASSED

MOT Damon

Legislation 0191-18 Authorizing

SEC Filfred

the Speaker of the NN or his

Designee to Initiate Contact...

Yea : 10

Nay : 5

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 9

Yea : 10

Crotty

Perry

Slim

Tso

Filfred

Phelps

Smith

Yazzie

Jack

Shepherd

Nay : 5

Begay, K

Begay, S

BeGaye, N

Hale

Begay, NM

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 9

Bates

Chee

Daniels

Tsosie

Bennett

Damon

Pete

Witherspoon

Brown