

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD Navajo Nation Council---Second Year, 2016

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIKI'YATI' COMMITTEE; DIRECTING THE COMMISSION
AND THE OFFICE ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE A
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

Section One. Findings

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee with the power to serve as oversight committee for offices, commissions under the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation government. 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(5).
- B. The Commission on Navajo Government Development is established within the Legislative Branch and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council shall have legislative oversight. 2 N.N.C. § 970.
- C. "The Commission on Navajo Government Development is a special entity created by the Navajo Nation Council with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the Council's project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government." 2 N.N.C. § 970.
- D. The Commission on Navajo Government Development is the oversight authority of the Office of Navajo Government Development. 2 N.N.C. § 973(B)(7).
- E. In 2009, the Navajo Nation Council was reduced from 88 to 24 Delegates by an initiative and as a result the Navajo Nation Council compressed the duties and responsibilities of 12 Standing Committees to five (5) Standing Committees.

- F. The Navajo Nation Council Delegates are called upon to represent larger geographical areas with a larger constituency base in addition to their responsibility to represent the Navajo Nation government in state and federal meetings.
- G. A thorough study by the Commission and the Office of Navajo Government Development of the workload of the Navajo Nation Council Delegates is necessary to ensure an accountable and responsive government.

Section Two. Directive

- A. The Navajo Nation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 970, 973(B)(2)., hereby directs the Commission on Navajo Government Development and the Office of the Commission on Government Development to conduct a thorough study on the effectiveness of the downsizing of the Navajo Nation Council.
- B. The Navajo Nation hereby directs the Commission on Navajo Government Development and the Office of the Commission on Government Development to provide a report to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee on the responsiveness of the Navajo Nation Council after the downsizing of the Navajo Nation Council.
- C. The Navajo Nation hereby directs the Commission on Navajo Government Development and the Office of the Commission on Government Development to provide a recommendation on instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government.
- D. The report and recommendation will be due at the first meeting of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee in February 2016.

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 Navajo Nation Council Chambers, Window Rock (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of in 16 favor and 2 oppose, this 14^h Day of January, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LoRenzo Bates', written over a horizontal line.

Honorable LoRenzo Bates, Chairperson
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Seth Damon
Second: Davis Filfred

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Naa'bik'iyati Committee

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MOT Damon

Directing the Commission and

SEC Filfred

the Office of Navajo Government

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Nay : 2

Not Voting : 6

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