

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

AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE NAVAJO NATION RELATING TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA FOR 2024

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. Each of the 25th Navajo Nation Council Delegates representing Arizona chapters and communities recommended Arizona Legislative Priorities for 2024 for their respective area(s) of oversight to the Arizona Caucus of the Navajo Nation Council; after review and discussion, the Arizona Caucus compiled the recommendations into the 2024 Arizona Legislative Priorities attached and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**.

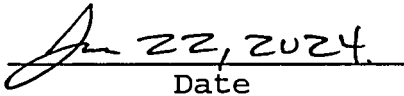
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Navajo Nation's legislative priorities relating to the State of Arizona for 2024, attached as **Exhibit A**, as determined by the 25th Navajo Nation Council and authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, and their designees, and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee members, 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 25th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Tse Bonito, New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 14 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 18th day of January 2024.


Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman Pro Tem
Naabik'íyáti' Committee


Date

Motion: Honorable Shaandiin Parrish

Second: Honorable Vince R. James

Chairman Pro Tem Seth Damon not voting

EXHIBIT A

- 1. Settling all water rights within the State of Arizona**
- 2. Empowerment Scholarship Accounts**
 - a. Support for the implementation of measures to ensure the accountability of funds for Arizona's private school voucher program, known as the Empowerment Scholarship Accounts, and increased funding for state funded schools on the Navajo Nation
- 3. Address fraudulent sober living facilities in partnership with the State of Arizona**
 - a. Supporting the Arizona Attorney General's efforts to prosecute and convict perpetrators of fraudulent sober living homes
 - b. Provide shelter and mental health, detox, and medical services to those in need
 - c. Assist in returning members of the Navajo Nation to their home communities if they wish to return home
- 4. Creating tax parity with the state jurisdictions**
 - a. Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) reform to include revenue for the Navajo Nation
 - b. Increase Fuel Excise Tax revenue distribution for the Navajo Nation to support road maintenance and improvements (i.e. school bus routes)
 - c. Address dual taxation to support economic development on the Navajo Nation
- 5. Education**
 - a. Support for Impact Aid funding for schools on the Navajo Nation
 - b. Disaggregate data based on "Navajo" (i.e., enrollment, credentials, teachers, etc.)
 - c. Advocate for bilingual education initiatives
 - d. Support Arizona Office of Indian Education on implementing Consultation with tribes
 - e. Supporting Navajo representation on state commissions/committees
- 6. Missing and Murdered Diné (Navajo) Relatives**
 - a. Collaboration with the Navajo Nation Council's Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force
 - b. Support for the implementation of the Navajo Nation Victim's Rights Act of 2023
 - c. Domestic violence and human trafficking prevention
- 7. Infrastructure**
 - a. Roads
 - i. Construct more bus pullouts on state roads to increase safety for all commuters
 - ii. Pedestrian safety and signage improvements along state routes and within state public school campuses
 - iii. Repaint fog-lines and pavement markings for safety
 - iv. Improve and repair lighting at all state highway junctions and intersections
 - v. Maintenance yards – follow up with specific community impacted
 - vi. Secure support for additional funding through the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) for Apache, Navajo, and Coconino Counties
 - vii. Supporting additional MOAs with local agents to provide road maintenance assistance, especially during the winter season

- b. Broadband
 - i. Secure Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program funding to expand high-speed internet access across the Navajo Nation
 - ii. Briefing on smart highways
 - iii. Deployment on Navajo and engagement on federal grants
- c. Water Infrastructure/Water
 - i. Arizona State Water Infrastructure Finance Authority
 - 1. Support eligibility of tribes and support further allocations to the fund
 - ii. Support for funding for water conservation projects
 - 1. Earthen dams
 - 2. Recharge of aquifer
 - 3. Erosion control
 - 4. Conserving/retaining water/watersheds/well rehab - ANEZ
 - iii. Ensure the safety of community/school water source in Sanders, Arizona

8. Elections and Voter Protection

- a. Support for the Navajo Nation's comments and revisions to the 2023 Arizona Election Procedure Manual submitted to the Arizona Secretary of State
- b. Apache County same day voter registration

9. Health Care

- a. Establish substance abuse/addiction detox, treatment, and rehabilitation centers on the Navajo Nation
- b. AHCCCS
 - i. Uphold consistent tribal consultation with the Navajo Nation
 - ii. Support for home care and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
 - iii. State/Navajo Nation regulatory
 - iv. Fraudulent billing for services
 - v. Home retrofits
- c. Increase support for Diné traditional healing and teachings to help improve the overall health of our people
- d. Promote education and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and viruses across the Navajo Nation
- e. Continue advocating for resources to prevent and mitigate the spread of Covid-19, RSV, and other viruses

10. Public Safety

- a. Support for cross commissioning/crossing deputizing agreements
- b. Support for new public safety facility for the Navajo Police Department in Window Rock, Arizona
- c. Collaborate with the State of Arizona to promote and uphold the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (S.O.R.N.A.) to protect children and the public from sex offenders on the Navajo Nation
- d. Completion of police substations to increase public safety presence in rural areas

- e. Work with state agencies to prevent human trafficking
- f. Support for fire emergency stations and personnel

11. Support for Navajo Veterans

- a. Improve and expedite service delivery time for veterans
- b. Secure additional funding for the completion of the “Nabaahii Bi’ghan” veterans nursing home, located in Chinle, Arizona. The Navajo Nation appropriated \$29 million in 2022 and an additional \$20 million is needed for the completion of construction.
- c. Support for education and workforce training for veterans, secure educational funding from states and federal VA funds
- d. Support for medical, behavioral, mental, and social services

12. Elder Services/Senior Care

- a. Meet with state agencies on regular basis
- b. Increase funding for DALTCS programs reimbursement rates
- c. Construction and operation of nursing homes for Navajo elders on the Navajo Nation
- d. Tri-state agreement
- e. Reimbursement rates for Title XX
- f. Funding to support the growth of DALTCS/ALTCS

13. Financial Literacy and Education

- a. Request for state resources to support the schools’ deployment of these services
- b. Increase access and data from state

14. Protection of Navajo Sacred/Cultural Sites

- a. Protection of Doko’o’oosliíd (San Francisco Peaks)
- b. Little Colorado River Confluence

15. Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Funding

- a. Secure state funding for outdoor recreation (i.e. Heritage Trails Non-motorized Program, Heritage Environmental Education Program, Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreational Trails Program, etc.)

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Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Special Meeting

Amd# to Amd#	New Business: Item A. (MAIN)	PASSED
MOT Parrish, S	Consent Agenda - #'s:	
SEC James, V	0001-24, 0013-24, 0011-24	

Yeas : 14

Nays : 0

Excused : 4

Not Voting : 5

Yea : 14

Arviso, S	Crotty, A	Johnson, C	Simonson, G
Begay, H	Curley, C	Nez, A	Slater, C
Begay, N	Daniels, H	Parrish, S	Yanito, C
Charles-Newton, E	James, V		

Nay : 0

Excused : 4

Simpson, D	Aseret, L	Nez, R	Notah, N
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Not Voting : 5

Claw, S	Tolth, G	Tso, O	Yazzie, C
Jesus, B			

Presiding Speaker: Damon, S