



24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL LEGISLATION SPONSORSHIP WITHDRAWAL

I, **EUGENE TSO**, Primary
Sponsor of proposed legislation hereby withdraw my
sponsorship of the proposed legislation. The legislation
tracking number is **0018-21**.

If there are any co-sponsors, they may re-sponsor the same
bill by beginning a new legislation.

SPONSOR SIGNATURE:

Eugene Tso

DATE:

Feb. 11, '21

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0018-21

DATE: January 22, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION;
AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; RESPECTFULLY
REQUESTING THE STATE OF ARIZONA DESIGNATE THE ARIZONA PORTION OF
U.S. ROUTE 191 AS THE "CHIEF MANUELITO HIGHWAY"

PURPOSE: The purpose of the resolution is to request the State of Arizona to designate US
191 as the "Chief Manuelito Highway."

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing
committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed
resolution in detail.

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Third Year, 2021

INTRODUCED BY



Primary Sponsor

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AN ACTION

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PORTION OF U.S. ROUTE 191 AS THE "CHIEF MANUELITO HIGHWAY"

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. 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. See 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 701 (A)(4), 701(A)(6).
- C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United States of America, Treaty of 1868, Aug. 12, 1868, 15 Stat. 667.
- D. U.S. Route 191 (US 191) is a spur of U.S. Route 91 that has two branches. The southern branch runs for 1,465 miles (2,358 km) from Douglas, Arizona on the Mexican border to the southern part of Yellowstone National Park. The northern branch runs for 440 miles (710 km) from the northern part of Yellowstone National

1 Park to Loring, Montana, at the Canada–US border. Unnumbered roads within
2 Yellowstone National Park connect the two branches. The highway passes through
3 the states of Arizona, Utah, Wyoming, and Montana. Wikipededia, The Free
4 Encyclopedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Route_191.

5 E. Chief Manuelito, Hastiin Chi'il Haajin, lived from 1818 until 1893. Chief Manuelito
6 was a chief both before and after the Long Walk to Fort Sumner and was one of the
7 Chiefs who negotiated for the Navajo People to return to their homeland. Chief
8 Manuelito was regarded as a brilliant strategist. Robert W. Young, A Political
9 History of the Navajo Tribe, 41 (1978).

10 F. On July 4, 1898 on the travel home Chief Manuelito stated, “ When we saw the top of
11 the mountain (Mt. Taylor) from Albuquerque we wondered if it was our mountain
12 and felt like falling to the ground, we loved it so . . .” Bill P. Acrey, Navajo History
13 The Land and the People, 77 (1988).

14 G. For nearly a decade after the return from Fort Sumner, from 1870 until 1884, Chief
15 Manuelito served as the head chief of the Navajo Tribe and was the foremost leader
16 in the Eastern area of the Navajo Nation. Robert W. Young, A Political History of
17 the Navajo Tribe, 41 (1978).

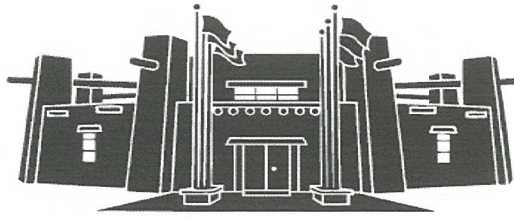
18 H. Chief Manuelito’s leadership and advocacy concerning the importance of education
19 helped pave the way for many Navajo’s to continue on with their post-secondary
20 education. He said, “My grandchild, school is the ladder. Tell our people this.” Bill
21 P. Acrey, Navajo History The Land and the People, 124 (1988).

22 I. In 1980 the Navajo Nation established the Chief Manuelito Scholarship to provide
23 scholarships to high achieving Navajo high school graduates with their post-
24 secondary education. See www.onnsfa.org.

25 J. In the best interest of the Navajo Nation to request the State of Arizona designate the
26 Arizona portion of U.S. Route 191 as the “Chief Manuelito Highway.”

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28 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

29 The Navajo Nation hereby respectfully requests the State of Arizona designate the
30 Arizona portion of U.S. Route 191 as the “Chief Manuelito Highway.”



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Eugene Tso
24th Navajo Nation Council

FROM: Mariana Kahn
Mariana Kahn, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: January 22, 2021

SUBJECT: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE STATE OF ARIZONA DESIGNATE THE ARIZONA PORTION OF U.S. ROUTE 191 AS THE "CHIEF MANUELITO HIGHWAY"

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Please ensure that his particular resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution.

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RESOLUTION OF THE OLJATO CHAPTER

Resolution No: OLJ02-02-21

OLJATO CHAPTER STRONGLY OPPOSES LEGISLATION NO: 0018-21; DESIGNATE THE ARIZONA
PROTION OF U.S. ROUTE 191 AS THE "CHIEF MANUELITO HIGHWAY".

WHEREAS;

1. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Code, Section 4001 (D) and 4028 (a), (b), the Oljato Chapter is established and certified as a local government entity of the Navajo Nation vested with the authority to review all matters affecting the Chapter and submit appropriate recommendations to the Navajo Nation Government or other local agencies by resolution; and
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Chapter 1: Navajo Nation Chapter, Section 1., (B) (1) & (2), The Navajo Nation Councils delegated to Chapter governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo law, including custom and tradition and allows chapter to make decisions to govern with responsibility and accountability to community membership; and
3. The Oljato Chapter advocates in the best interest of its community members; we are currently the 3rd generation of "Chief Manuelito" and our children are the 4th generation. Some of us know where he had lived, hiding his family from being captured. Today, we honor and respect his legacy. We would like for our father, great grandfather, great-great grandfather to rest in peace. Hastiin Ch'il Haajini (Chief Manuelito), his mother is a sister of our 8 grandmothers who were taken by their husband to various locations. There are several names recognizing his name, "Manuelito" that has been taken without a thorough consent from the Bitahnii Clan. Hastiin Ch'il Haajini died 128 years ago. Please allow him to rest; and
4. The Oljato Chapter members of the Bitahnii clan, do not agree to utilize the name "Manuelito"; a highway where people have traveled, such fatalities has occurred due to intoxication, animals on the road at night, this is disrespecting our grandfathers: Hastiin Ch'il Haajini.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

1. That Oljato Chapter opposes the naming of Highway 191 "Manuelito".

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Oljato Chapter at a regular duly called meeting at Oljato, Navajo Nation, Utah at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained, this 11 day of **FEBRUARY 2021**

1st Motion by: Tommy Rock, Ph.D

Willis Begay
Willis Begay, Chapter President

Marietta Bedonie
Marietta Bedonie, Secretary/Treasurer

2nd Motion by: Willis Begay

Tommy Rock
Tommy Rock, Vice-President

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RE: Legislation No. 0018-21

Good morning all,

Don't you have better legislation to work on than re-naming highways? This change you are requesting will only result in higher costs as ADOT now has to pay for new signage just for you.

Yes, Chief Manuelito is honored thru scholarships and has his place in history books, but as the cost from the pandemic is sky-rocketing, you need to focus on real issues confronting Navajos. Re-naming highways is not going to alleviate difficulties Navajos face on a daily basis, rather, it is just a lazy way out to act like you are "legislating".

Thank you for your time and attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Schierholz', written over the printed name.

Laverne Schierholz

St Michaels, AZ