LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0149-22

DATE: July 14, 2022

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; OPPOSING STATES' DECRIMINALIZATION OF THE USE OF PEYOTE

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will be the Navajo Nation's firm position in opposing any state within the United States decriminalizing the use of peyote and urges all states to limit the non-criminal use of peyote for religious, ceremonial, and cultural purposes only, as it is stated in the American Indian Religious Freedom Act Amendments of 1994, 42 U.S.C § 1996a, P.L. 103-344.

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

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Health Education & Human Services Committee
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Law & Order Committee
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Naabik'íyáti' Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2022

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0149-22

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; OPPOSING STATES' DECRIMINALIZATION OF THE USE OF PEYOTE

WHEREAS,

A. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered 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), 701(A)(6).

B. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to represent the Navajo Nation at local, state, and federal levels, in cooperation and coordination with the President of the Navajo Nation and the appropriate committee of the Navajo Nation Council on proposed resolutions or actions affecting natural resources. . . 2 N.N.C. §§ 500(A), 501(B)(5)

C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to represent the Navajo Nation at local, state and federal levels, in coordination with the President of the Navajo Nation and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee on proposed legislation, funding and other actions affecting environmental health. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401(B)(7)(a).

D. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with its purpose to protect the rights and interests of the Navajo People by improving the quality and effectiveness of the justice system within the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 600(C)(2).

E. The use of peyote for ceremonial and cultural purposes by the Native American Church members is one of the oldest religious traditions in the Western Hemisphere; a recent carbon dating of peyote at an archeological site in Texas revealed that the peyote dated back to 4,220 B.C. (approximately 6,000 years ago). James D. Muneta, *Peyote Crisis Confronting Modern Indigenous Peoples: The Declining Peyote Population and a Demand for Conservation*, Amer. Ind. Law Journal: Vol. 9 : Iss. 1, Article 6., (2020). https://digitalcommons.law.seattleu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1228&context=ailj

F. Tribal members whom are bonafide members of the Native American Church consume the sacred cactus plant (lophophora williamsii) known as peyote which contains the hallucinogenic drug "*mescaline*" during ceremonies. The hallucinogenic effect of mescaline is naturally found in the peyote cactuses (lophophora williamsii).

G. In the Southwest United States, including Texas, and Mexico, peyote is drastically declining due to land development, ranching, agriculture, poaching, psychedelic tourism, incorrect harvesting, and other factors such as recreational use and climate change.

H. Peyote is a slow-growing cactus that takes approximately ten or more years to grow from a seed to a mature plant to be consumed.

I. The Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Diné Nation, Inc., passed a resolution, attached as **Exhibit A**, requesting the Navajo Nation to oppose decriminalization of peyote by all states across the United States. The Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Diné Nation, Inc., further recognized through their resolution that peyote should only be strictly used by bonafide members of the Native American Church as it is stated in the American Indian Religious Freedom Act Amendments of 1994, 42 U.S.C 1996a, P.L. 103-344.

J. Azeé means medicine in Diné language. Diné Native American Church traditional practitioners identify Azeé to also mean peyote and is believed to spiritually heal a person through songs, prayers, and consumption of the Azeé (Peyote).

K. The Navajo Nation understands that peyote is classified as a Schedule I controlled substance under the Federal Controlled Substance Act. However, the Navajo Nation

government has allowed the ceremonial, cultural, and religious use of peyote since 1967 within the Navajo Nation through Resolution No. CO-65-67. Resolution No. CO-65-67 is hereby incorporated by reference only.

L. The Navajo Nation further understands that federal law, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act Amendments of 1994, 42 U.S.C. § 1996a, P.L. 103-344 provided authorization for bonafide members of the Native American Church to legally use peyote for religious purposes only.

M. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to oppose decriminalizing the use of peyote as it is a cacti that could be excessively harvested and will endanger the plant (peyote) and will also substantially affect the religious, ceremonial and cultural practices of Indigenous People across the Western Hemisphere including members of the Navajo Nation who have a sincere religious belief and a strong connection to the use of peyote for ceremonial and cultural purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

The Navajo Nation firmly opposes any state within the United States decriminalizing the use of peyote and urges all states to limit the non-criminal use of peyote for religious, ceremonial, and cultural purposes only, as it is stated in the American Indian Religious Freedom Act Amendments of 1994, 42 U.S.C § 1996a, P.L. 103-344.

AZEE' BEE NAHAGHA OF DINE NATION, Inc.
P.O. Box 1570 Chinle, Arizona 86503

EXHIBIT
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Willie Tracey Jr., President
Albert Johnson, Vice President
Victoria Woody, Treasurer
Roxyanne Harvey, Secretary

RESOLUTION OF THE AZEE' BEE NAHAGHA OF DINE NATION, Inc.

Respectfully Approving and Recommending the Navajo Nation Council to Oppose the National Peyote Decriminalization

WHEREAS:

1. Azee Bee Nahagha of Dine Nation, Inc. (ABNDN Inc.) is governed by Board of Directors as provided for in its Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and Bylaws; and

2. The Native American Church of Navajoland, Inc. (NACNI, Inc.), now known as ABNDN Inc. was established on June 11, 1966 as a non-profit organization, was incorporated within the State of New Mexico on May 15, 1972 and in December 1989, the Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council granted a Revocable Land Use Permit (Mission Site) for NACNI, comprising of ten (10) acres of Navajo Nation Trust land at Chinle, Arizona; and

3. ABNDN, Inc. is vested with the authority to review all matters affecting it's membership while making appropriate delicate decisions as deem necessary and to make recommendation to various agencies while seeking resources; and

4. ABNDN recognizes the Azeé (Peyote) plant to be sacred among the Navajo people; and

5. ABNDN recognizes Azeé (Peyote) has been consumed by Navajo people for religious, cultural, and ceremonial purposes since time in immemorial; and

6. ABNDN recognizes certain lands in the Southwest part of Texas and in Northern Mexico are cultural places of significant importance where Azeé (Peyote) plant grows in its aboriginal habitat; and

7. ABNDN recognizes the number of Azeé (Peyote) plants has decreased in recent years, threatening the long-term sustainability of the Azeé (Peyote) aboriginal habitats or populations, and depleting the number of Azeé (Peyote) that could be available for future generations; and

8. ABNDN recognizes the personal and corporate cultivation of the Azeé (Peyote) plant threatens the historical, cultural, and biological integrity of the plant by potentially exposing the population to hybridization, genetic modification, and sterilization, all of which is in violation of Public Law 103-344 American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1994 (AIRFA of 1994); and

9. ABNDN recognizes the movement to decriminalize Azeé (Peyote) use directly threatens the availability of Azeé (Peyote) and integrity of the ceremonial use of Azeé (Peyote) for Navajo people, including other Indigenous peoples, and would be contrary to the doctrine of

federal preemption, whereby federal law supersedes state law in this area (under Public Law 103-344 AIRFA of 1994).

10. ABNDN recognizes the decriminalization of Azeé (Peyote) consumption beyond the already hundreds of thousands of federally recognized tribes and other Indigenous peoples, including Navajo people, will create a demand and market for Azeé (Peyote) that further threatens the existing aboriginal inhabitants.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. ABNDN opposes the decriminalization of Azeé (Peyote). Usage should be only "by a federally enrolled tribal citizen who uses Azeé (Peyote) in a bona fide traditional ceremony.

2. ABNDN opposes the extraction and synthesis of mescaline, and any cultivation, tincture, or manufacturing for scientific purposes (research), or for any reasons outside of a traditional bone-fide ceremonial setting and purposes.

3. ABNDN hereby requests to protect and preserve Azeé (Peyote) strictly used for religious, cultural, and ceremonial purposes by the Navajo people, as protected under federal law.

4. ABNDN hereby requests Navajo leadership to protect and preserve the Peyote Way of Life and the lands in which they reside within its natural aboriginal habitant.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the ABNDN, Inc. Executive Officials and Board of Directors at a duly called meeting at Chinle, Navajo Nation, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 11 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstained, this 16th day of April, 2022.

MOTION: Justin Dale **SECOND:** Richard Monroe

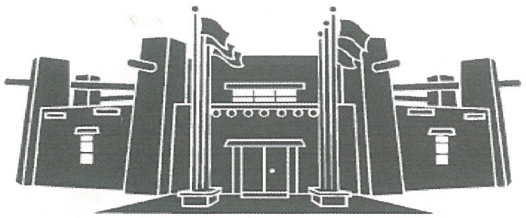
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Honorable Seth Damon
Speaker
24th Navajo Nation Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairwoman, Eugenia Charles-Newton, Sponsor
Law and Order Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council

Vice-Chairman Thomas Walker, Jr., Co-Sponsor
Resources and Development Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council

FROM: _____
Chad Abeyta, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: July 14, 2022

SUBJECT: **AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; OPPOSING STATES' DECRIMINALIZATION OF THE USE OF PEYOTE**

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.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§300, 400, 500, 600 and 700. 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).

Please ensure that this resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction. Ahehee!

THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION

LEGISLATION NO: _0149-22__ **SPONSOR: Eugenia Charles-Newton**

TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development, Health, Education, and Human Services, Law and Order, and the Naabik'íyáti' Committees; Opposing States' Decriminalization of the Use of Peyote

***Date posted*: August 04, 2022 at 11:05AM**

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P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515
(928) 871-7586

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THE NAVAJO NATION
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SPONSOR: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton

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Posted: August 04, 2022 at 11:05 PM

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Comments Opposing	***None***

Comments/Recommendations	**1) Lorenzo Bedonie**

Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

August 10, 2022; 7:30 AM
Date/Time

Peyote Decriminalization

Ronald Benally <redmesa91@gmail.com>

Tue 8/9/2022 3:01 PM

To:comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Yaateeh Abini,

My name is Ronald Benally , I'm the Board of Director for 9-A , Tolikan ABNDN Chapter.
I' writing this response in regards to Peyote Decrimination legislation that is currently in place. We the majority of the board are full support to continue with the process to move forward and looking for your full support.

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Earl Morris JR. <emjr.00@gmail.com>

Tue 8/9/2022 3:02 PM

To:comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

I am a registered member of the Azeé Bee Nahagha of Diné Nation organization and have been made aware by my local leaders of a recent legislation that proposes the decriminalization of peyote. I offer my disapproval of this legislation and encourage those with the power to oppose as well. I was raised with the peyote ceremony which to my family is a very sacred religion and the partaking of this form of medicine is also sacred to us Native people and is used in a very strict and sacred manner. To decriminalize the usage of peyote would result in unintended consequences that will destroy our way of life. Popularizing the usage of peyote to outside Native communities and allowing recreational usage of peyote would result in mass production efforts and attempts to commercialize this holy sacrament. The government has no business in trying to regulate our faith as DIné people. So again, I strongly oppose and hope it will be reconsidered to honor our religious beliefs and take account the effects these laws would have on Indigenous communities.

Thank You,
Earl Morris Jr

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A Supporting Resolution by Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Diné Nation District 17 to the 24th Navajo Nation Council to Oppose the Decriminalization of Peyote (mescaline) at the State, Local Governments, and Territories in the United States (US).

WHEREAS:

1. District 17 Chapters (Ganado, Wide Ruins/Klagetoh, Steamboat, Cornfields, Kinlichee, Greasewood) is a local entity of Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Diné Nation (ABNDN) recognized and certified with authority and responsibility to act in the best interest of its members on matters in pertaining to the protection and preservation of our sacred Azeé (Peyote).

2. The ABNDN, formerly known as the Native American Church of Navajoland (NACNL), have fought numerous legal and political battles at the tribal, state, and federal level to achieve the right to use our sacred Azeé (Peyote) within our Navajo ceremonial and cultural ways.

3. District 17 Chapters (Ganado, Wide Ruins/Klagetoh, Steamboat, Cornfields, Kinlichee, Greasewood) understands Public Law 103-344 (P.L 103-344) American Indian Religion Freedom Amendment Act of 1994 (AIRFA of 1994) provides authorization for Navajo people and other federally recognized tribal members to legally possess, transport, and use peyote strictly for religious, cultural, and ceremonial purposes only.

4. District 17 Chapters (Ganado, Wide Ruins/Klagetoh, Steamboat, Cornfields, Kinlichee, Greasewood) urges all states, local government, and territories in the US to respect and fully support the continued federal protection of our sacred peyote medicine to be strictly used by a federally recognized tribal member as recognized under P.L 103-344 AIRFA of 1994.

5. District 17 Chapters (Ganado, Wide Ruins/Klagetoh, Steamboat, Cornfields, Kinlichee, Greasewood) recognizes the movement to decriminalize peyote (mescaline) by the state, local governments, and territories in the US directly violates P.L 103-344 AIRFA of 1994.

6. District 17 Chapters (Ganado, Wide Ruins/Klagetoh, Steamboat, Cornfields, Kinlichee, Greasewood) believes it is in the best interest for the Navajo Nation to oppose the decriminalization of peyote (mescaline) efforts in the US as it will affect the ceremonial and cultural practices of Indigenous peoples across the Western Hemisphere including members of the Navajo Nation who have a strong connection to the use of peyote for ceremonial and cultural purposes.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

1. District 17 Chapters (Ganado, Wide Ruins/Klagetoh, Steamboat, Cornfields, Kinlichee,

Greasewood) sstrongly opposes the decriminalization of peyote (mescaline) and urge all states, local governments, and territories in the US to adhere to P.L. 103-344 AIRFA of 1994.

2. District 17 Chapters (Ganado, Wide Ruins/Klagetoh, Steamboat, Cornfields, Kinlichee, Greasewood) strongly opposes the extraction and synthesis of peyote (mescaline), and any cultivation, harvest, extraction, tincture, or other product manufactured or derived therefrom, or for any reasons outside of a traditional bone-fide ceremonial setting and purposes.

3. District 17 Chapters (Ganado, Wide Ruins/Klagetoh, Steamboat, Cornfields, Kinlichee, Greasewood) hereby requests Navajo Nation leadership to protect and preserve the Peyote Way of Life for the Navajo people by adhering to P.L. 103-344 AIRFA of 1994.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting in Klagetoh,, Arizona, at which time a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of _22_ in favor, and _0_ opposed, and 0

abstained, on this 24th day of July 2022.

Motion by: Marilyn Taliman Seconded by: Robert Begay

Trevor S. Foster, ABNDN District 17 BOD

Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Diné Nation
Former President / Founder: David S. Clark

August 6, 2022

Re: Revised Recommendation to Legislation, RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; OPPOSING STATES' DECRIMINALIZATION OF THE USE OF PEYOTE.

To Whom it May Concern,

The passing of Public Law 103-344 American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1994 and Title 17, Section 394 of the Navajo Nation Criminal Code Controlled Substance Law protects federally recognized tribal members, including Navajos, to use, possess, and transport peyote for religious, cultural, and ceremonial purposes only. Navajo Nation should be at the forefront in opposing the decriminalization of peyote by standing firmly by the statutory and regulatory laws.

The Navajo Nation, including other Tribal Nations, have fought numerous legal and political battles at the tribal, state, and federal level to achieve the legal right to use our sacred Azeé (Peyote) for ceremonial and cultural purposes. Other Tribal Nations a wait for Navajo leadership to move forward in a unifying effort. It takes great courage and leadership to do what is right.

We fought hard to legalize the use of our medicine. I whole heartly support the ABNDN Peyote Task Forces recommended revisions to uphold the statutory laws within the Navajo Nations proposed resolution to oppose the decriminalization of peyote. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (928) . Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

David S. Clark, Former President / Founder of ABNDN

Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Diné Nation
Richard Monroe, District 5 Board of Director

August 7, 2022

24th Navajo Nation Council
Post Office Box 3390
Window Rock, Navajo Nation AZ 86515

Re: Revised Recommendation to Legislation, RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; OPPOSING STATES' DECRIMINALIZATION OF THE USE OF PEYOTE.

To Whom it May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I am writing in support for the Navajo Nation proposed resolution to oppose the decriminalization of peyote throughout the country. However, additional revised language is needed within the proposed resolution. The recommended revisions will provide much needed support in protecting the ceremonial and cultural use of our sacred Azeé (peyote).

In addition, this resolution, with revisions, will ensure federal protection of our Azeé (peyote) and will be in accordance with Public Law 103-344 American Indian Religious Freedom Amendment Act of 1994, which provides authorization for Navajo people and other federally recognized tribal members to legally possess, transport, and use peyote strictly for religious, cultural, and ceremonial purposes only. I am aware of the decriminalization of peyote efforts in the US. I believe it is in the best interest for the Navajo Nation to oppose the decriminalization of peyote and mescaline efforts in the US. Furthermore, this peyote initiative has created a stronger need for the Navajo Nation to advocate for the enforcement of federal regulations on peyote.

I believe the proposed resolution, with recommended revisions by the ABNDN Peyote Task Force, will further protect the rights for Navajo people to use our Azeé (peyote) in a respectful and meaningful way. I appreciate your continuous leadership during this time. I wish you the best and thank you for your time regarding this important matter for the Navajo people.

Sincerely,

R. Monroe

Richard Monroe, ABNDN District 5 Board of Director

Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Diné Nation:
Ceremonial Protection Committee
Richard Monroe, Chairperson
Al Yazzie, Vice Chairperson

August 8, 2022

Re: Revised Recommendation to Legislation, RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; OPPOSING STATES' DECRIMINALIZATION OF THE USE OF PEYOTE.

To Whom it May Concern,

The Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Diné (ABNDN) Ceremonial Protection Committee thanks and appreciates the Honorable Delegate Charles-Newton for acknowledging the ABNDN Peyote Task Force revised recommendations to the proposed resolution. However, additional revised language is still needed within the proposed resolution. Therefore, ABNDN Ceremonial Protection Committee respectfully requests the Navajo Council to revise the language within the proposed resolution to be in accordance with the Navajo Nation Title 17 Controlled Substance Code and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act Amendment of 1994.

ABNDN Ceremonial Protection Committee whole heartly supports the 24th Navajo Nation Council proposed resolution to oppose the decriminalization of peyote with recommended revisions. We appreciate your leadership as we continue to protect and preserve our Navajo way of life. Please feel free to contact the ABNDN Ceremonial Protection Committee Chairperson, Richard Monroe at (928) for any questions or additional information. Ahéhee. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

R. Monroe

ABNDN Ceremonial Protection Chairperson

Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Diné Nation:
Peyote Task Force Committee
Alburt Johnson, Chairperson
Emmett Johnson, Treasurer
Lenora Hatathlie, Secretary

August 7, 2022

Re: Revised Recommendation to Legislation, RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; OPPOSING STATES' DECRIMINALIZATION OF THE USE OF PEYOTE.

To Whom it May Concern,

The Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Diné (ABNDN) Peyote Task Force appreciates the Honorable Delegate Charles-Newton for acknowledging ABNDN Task Forces revised recommendations to the proposed resolution. However, additional revised language is still needed within the proposed resolution. Therefore, ABNDN Peyote Task Force will respectfully work with the Navajo leadership to further strengthen the Navajo Nations position to oppose the decriminalization of peyote in the US.

ABNDN Peyote Task Force whole heartly supports the Navajo Nation proposed resolution to oppose the decriminalization of peyote with recommended revisions. We appreciate your leadership as we continue to protect and preserve our Navajo way of life. Please feel free to contact the ABNDN Peyote Task Force Chairperson, Alburt Johnson at (928) for any questions or additional information. Ahéhee. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Alburt Johnson

Alburt Johnson, ABNDN Peyote Task Force Chairperson

August 7, 2022

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I believe the proposed resolution, with recommended revisions by the ABNDN Peyote Task Force, will further protect the rights for Navajo people to use our Azeé (peyote) in a respectful and meaningful way. I appreciate your continuous leadership during this time. I wish you the best and thank you for your time regarding this important matter for the Navajo people.

Sincerely,

Lula Monroe, District 5 Secretary
Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Diné Nation

Winslow, AZ 86047
Email: monroelula56@gmail.com

A Supporting Resolution by Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Diné Nation District 3 to the 24th Navajo Nation Council to Oppose the Decriminalization of Peyote (mescaline) at the State, Local Governments, and Territories in the United States (US).

WHEREAS:

1. District 3 Chapter (Tuba City, Bodaway Gap, Cameron, and Coalmine) is a local entity of Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Diné Nation (ABNDN) recognized and certified with authority and responsibility to act in the best interest of its members on matters in pertaining to the protection and preservation of our sacred Azeé (Peyote).

2. The ABNDN, formerly known as the Native American Church of Navajoland (NACNL), have fought numerous legal and political battles at the tribal, state, and federal level to achieve the right to use our sacred Azeé (Peyote) within our Navajo ceremonial and cultural ways.

3. District 3 Chapter understands Public Law 103-344 (P.L 103-344) American Indian Religious Freedom Amendment Act of 1994 (AIRFA of 1994) provides authorization for Navajo people and other federally recognized tribal members to legally possess, transport, and use peyote strictly for religious, cultural, and ceremonial purposes only.

4. District 3 Chapter urges all states, local government, and territories in the US to respect and fully support the continued federal protection of our sacred peyote medicine to be strictly used by a federally recognized tribal member as recognized under P.L 103-344 AIRFA of 1994.

5. District 3 Chapter recognizes the movement to decriminalize peyote (mescaline) by the state, local governments, and territories in the US directly violates P.L 103-344 AIRFA of 1994.

6. District 3 Chapter believes it is in the best interest for the Navajo Nation to oppose the decriminalization of peyote (mescaline) efforts in the US as it will affect the ceremonial and cultural practices of Indigenous peoples across the Western Hemisphere including members of the Navajo Nation who have a strong connection to the use of peyote for ceremonial and cultural purposes.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

1. District 3 Chapter (Tuba City, Bodaway Gap, Cameron, and Coalmine) strongly opposes the decriminalization of peyote (mescaline) and urge all states, local governments, and territories in the US to adhere to P.L. 103-344 AIRFA of 1994.

2. District 3 Chapter strongly opposes the extraction and synthesis of peyote (mescaline), and any cultivation, harvest, extraction, tincture, or other product manufactured or derived therefrom, or for any reasons outside of a traditional bone-fide ceremonial setting and purposes.

3. District 3 Chapter hereby requests Navajo Nation leadership to protect and preserve the Peyote Way of Life for the Navajo people by adhering to P.L. 103-344 AIRFA of 1994.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting in Tuba City, Arizona, at which time a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of _29_ in favor, and _0_ opposed, and _1_ abstained, on this 20th day of July 2022.

Gene Flatrock

Gene Flatrock, ABNDN District 3 Board of Director

A Supporting Resolution by Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Diné Nation District 5 to the 24th Navajo Nation Council to Oppose the Decriminalization of Peyote at the State, Local Governments, and Territories in the United States (US).

WHEREAS:

District 5 Chapter (Birdsprings, Leupp, Tolani Lake) is a local entity of Azeé Bee Nahaghá of Diné Nation (ABNDN) recognized and certified with authority and responsibility to act in the best interest of its members on matters in pertaining to the protection and preservation of our sacred Azeé (Peyote).

The ABNDN, formerly known as the Native American Church of Navajoland (NACNL), have fought numerous legal and political battles at the tribal, state, and federal level to achieve the right to use our sacred Azeé (Peyote) within our Navajo ceremonial and cultural ways.

District 5 Chapter understands Public Law 103-344 (P.L 103-344) American Indian Religious Freedom Amendment Act of 1994 (AIRFA of 1994) provides authorization for Navajo people and other federally recognized tribal members to legally possess, transport, and use peyote strictly for religious, cultural, and ceremonial purposes only.

District 5 Chapter urges all states, local government, and territories in the US to respect and fully support the continued federal protection of our sacred peyote medicine to be strictly used by a federally recognized tribal member as recognized under P.L 103-344 AIRFA of 1994.

District 3 Chapter recognizes the movement to decriminalize peyote (mescaline) by the state, local governments, and territories in the US directly violates P.L 103-344 AIRFA of 1994.

District 3 Chapter believes it is in the best interest for the Navajo Nation to oppose the decriminalization of peyote (mescaline) efforts in the US as it will affect the ceremonial and cultural practices of Indigenous peoples across the Western Hemisphere including members of the Navajo Nation who have a strong connection to the use of peyote for

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We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting in Winslow, Arizona, at which time a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of _10_ in favor, and _0_ opposed, and _1_ abstained, on this 5th day of August 2022.

David Turquoise, ABNDN District 5 President

David Turquoise

August 8, 2022

Re: Revised Recommendation to Legislation, RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; OPPOSING STATES' DECRIMINALIZATION OF THE USE OF PEYOTE.

To Whom it May Concern,

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Respectfully,

Brooke Clark

Brooke Clark, ABNDN Member

August 7, 2022

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Amber Begaye, ABNDN Member

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The Navajo Nation cannot go wrong when it acts to protect the Navajo way of life. Please pass the resolution with ABNDN Peyote Task Forces revised recommendations. We must respect the laws we fought hard to pass such as the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1994. Thank you for your time. May the Creator continue to bless the Navajo leadership. Ahéhee.

Sincerely,

Darlene Clark, ABNDN Member

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Respectfully,

Austin Wero

Austin Wero, ABNDN Youth

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Cambria Clark-Robinson, ABNDN Youth

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To Whom it May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I am writing in support for the Navajo Nation resolution to oppose the decriminalization of peyote in the United States. However, additional revised language is still needed within the proposed resolution. Therefore, I respectfully request revisions to the proposed resolution to be in accordance with Title 17, Section 394 of the Navajo Nation Criminal Code Controlled Substance Law, and American Indian Religious Freedom Act Amendment of 1994.

Recommended revisions by the ABNDN Peyote Task Force will further strengthen Navajo Nations position to oppose the decriminalization of peyote efforts in the US. It is in the best interest for the Navajo Nation to establish a strong legal stance by adhering to the federal and tribal regulations that protect our sacred Azeé (peyote) for generations to come.

In closing, I support the Navajo Nation proposed resolution with recommended revisions by the ABNDN Peyote Task Force. I appreciate your continuous efforts to protect our Navajo way of life. If there is anything more that I can do to support this important peyote initiative, please let me know. I wish you the best and thank you for your time regarding this important concern for the Navajo people.

Sincerely,

Hershel W. Clark

Hershel Walker Clark, ABNDN Public Health Advisor

Legislation # 0149-22 Comments

DLBedonie <dlbedonie@gmail.com>

Tue 8/9/2022 6:29 PM

To:comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Subjected amendments on page 2 of 3:

Page 2 of 3: line 5 – add "s" to "American",

Page 2 of 3: Line 6 - delete "church members".

Line 12 – insert "Many Federally recognized" – before Tribal members.

Line 16 – Insert – part of ..... after the word "southwest", delete "United States, including".

Lorenzo Bedonie

ABNDN Board of Director, District 4

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RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

FOURTH YEAR 2022

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker,

The **RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

> **LEGISLATION #0149-22:** AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; OPPOSING STATES' DECRIMINALIZATION OF THE USE OF PEYOTE. *Sponsor: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton*

Has had it under consideration and reports a **DO PASS** with no amendments.

And thereafter the legislation was referred to Health, Education, & Human Services Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Freeland, *Pro Tem Chairperson*
Resources and Development Committee of
the 24th Navajo Nation Council

Date: August 10, 2022 – Regular Meeting (Teleconference)
Location: Resources and Development Committee also called in via teleconference from their location within the boundary of the Navajo Nation.

Main Motion:

M: Wilson C. Stewart, Jr. **S:** Thomas Walker, Jr. **V:** 4-0-1 (CNV)
In Favor: Thomas Walker, Jr.; Kee Allen Begay, Jr.; Herman M. Daniels; Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.
Opposition: None
Excused: Rickie Nez, *Chairperson*
Not Voting: Mark A. Freeland, *Pro Tem Chairperson*

(NOTE: VOTE TALLY attached hereto)

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
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FOURTH YEAR 2022

ROLL CALL
VOTE TALLY SHEET

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Honorable Mark A. Freeland, *Pro Tem Chairperson*
Resources and Development Committee

Rodney L. Pahe, *Legislative Advisor*
Office of Legislative Services

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
FOURTH YEAR 2022

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker,

The **HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

Legislation No. 0149-22: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development, Health, Education, and Human Services, Law and Order, and the Naabik'íyáti' Committees; Opposing States' Decriminalization of the Use of Peyote

Sponsor: *Council Delegate Eugenia Charles Newton*

Has had it under consideration and reports the same with the recommendation that it **DO PASS with no amendment** and is thence referred to the Law and Order Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl R. Slater, Vice-Chairperson
Health, Education and Human Services Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council

Date: August 17, 2022

Main Motion:
Motion: Honorable Pernell Halona
Second: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka
Vote: 5-0-0

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2022

Legislation No. 0149-22: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development, Health, Education, and Human Services, Law and Order, and the Naabik'íyáti' Committees; Opposing States' Decriminalization of the Use of Peyote

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VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Main Motion:
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Yea: Paul Begay Jr.; Pernell Halona; Charlaine Tso; Daniel E. Tso; Edison J. Wauneka
Nay:
Not Voting: Carl R. Slater (Presiding Vice-Chair)
Excused:
Absent:
Vote: 5-0-0

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24th Navajo Nation Council

Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor
Health, Education and Human Services Committee
Office of Legislative Services

LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

FOURTH YEAR 2022

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker,

The **LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

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Has had it under consideration and reports a DO PASS with no amendments.

And thereafter the legislation was referred to Naabik'iyati Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Otto Tso, Chair Pro Tem
Law and Order Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council

Date: August 22, 2022

Main Motion:
Motion : Honorable Vince James
Second : Honorable Eugene Tso
Vote : 4-0-1

LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
August 22, 2022

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VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Main Motion:
Motion: Honorable Vince James
Second: Honorable Eugene Tso
Vote: 4-0-1

Yea: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton/Honorable Vince James/Honorable Eugene Tso/ Honorable Edmund Yazzie
Nay: None
Not Voting: Honorable Otto Tso
Excused: None
Absent: None

Otto Tso, Chair Pro Tem
Law and Order Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council

Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor
Office of Legislative Services