TITLE: An Action Relating To Resources And Development And NAABIK'IYATI’ Committees; Approving The Adoption Of The Principles And Practices Of Sustainable Navajo Governance As Proposed By The Navajo Government Development Commission And Committing The NAABIK'IYATI’ Committee To Establish Objective Targets For The Protection Of Life-Supporting Elements Of Land, Water, Air, And Fire Reflected In Accordance With Diné Beehaz’áanii Bitsé Siléí

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RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK’ÍYÁTI’ COMMITTEES; APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF SUSTAINABLE NAVAJO GOVERNANCE AS PROPOSED BY THE NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND COMMITTING THE NAABIK’ÍYÁTI’ COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH OBJECTIVE TARGETS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE-SUPPORTING ELEMENTS OF LAND, WATER, AIR AND FIRE REFLECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DINÉ BEEHAZ’ÁANII BITSÉ SILÉÍ

PURPOSE: Adopting the principles and practices of sustainability for Navajo governance as proposed by the Navajo Government Development Commission and committing to establishing objective targets for the protection of life-supporting elements of land, water, air and fire to be applied to all policies and actions of the Navajo Nation Government.

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 review the proposed resolution in detail.
PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council exercising oversight authority over water, land, grazing and environment. 2 N.N.C. § 500 (C).

B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The twelve domains of Sustainability adhere to the tenets of Navajo Fundamental law,
focusing on organizational and operational sustainability and sustainable stewardship to secure the rights of future generations. The principles in the twelve domains of sustainability align with the teachings of Fundamental Law expressed in 1 N.N.C § 201, “Nahasdzáán dóó yádiihil nitsáhákees yil hadeidiilaa, Tó dóó dzil diyinii nahat’á yil hadeidiila, Nilch’I dóó nanse’ altaas’ éi íiná yil hadeidiilaa, Kó’, adinidiín dóó ntl’iz náádahaniihjí’ sihasin yil hadeidiilaa. Díí ts’ídí áláají níhi bee haz’áanii bitse síléí níhá’ ályaa.” The Fundamental principles of thinking, planning, life, and wisdom are the same principles at the heart of sustainability practices.

B. The Navajo Government Development Commission (Commission) adopted the Navajo Nation sustainable governance principles and practices plan, to transition toward a sustainability in governance processes and establish objective targets for the protection of life-supporting elements of land, water, air and fire.

C. To that end, the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee of the Navajo Nation Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Navajo People to adopt the following twelve (12) domains of sustainable practices and to commit to establishing objective targets and applying such principles to all programs and policies of the Navajo Nation Government. The following are the twelve domains of sustainable practices:

1. Awareness education and engagement;
2. Environmentally friendly buildings and facilities;
3. Transportation modes, infrastructures and operations;
4. Climate protection, adaption and mitigation;
5. Sustainable operations and management;
6. Waste reduction and recycling;
7. Environmentally preferable purchasing/procurement;
8. Sustainable food systems and production;
9. Sustainable energy transition;
10. Diné Language and Culture
11. Natural habitat and ecosystem; and
SECTION THREE. RESOLVED

A. The Naabik'íyáti’ Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, recognizing that the principles in the twelve domains of sustainability align with the teachings of Fundamental Law expressed in 1 N.N.C § 201, “Nahasdzáán dóó yádilhił nitsáhákees yít hadeidiilaa, Tó dóó dził diiyinii nahat’á yít hadeidiila, Nilch’l dóó nanse’ altaas’ él iíná yít hadediilaa, Kó’. adínídii dóó ntl’iz náádahanihji’ sihasin yít hadediilaa. Dií ts’idá aláají nihi beehez’áanii bitse siléí nihá’ ályaa.” and that the Fundamental principles of thinking, planning, life, and wisdom are the same principles at the heart of sustainability practices hereby adopts the following twelve (12) domains of sustainable practices and commits to establishing objective targets and applying such principles to all programs and policies of the Navajo Nation Government. The following are the twelve domains of sustainable practices:

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B. The Office of Navajo Government Development, using the resources available to it, shall develop and present to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council for its consideration and adoption, objective targets for the preservation of the life-supporting elements of land, water, air and fire to be applied to the twelve domains of sustainable practices and applying such principles to all programs and policies of the Navajo Nation Government.