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TITLE: An Action To NAABIK'IYATI' Committee; Approving And Adopting The Legislative Priorities Of The Navajo Nation As Determined By The 24th Navajo Nation Council Relating Ot The State Of Utah

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DATE: January 17, 2019

SUBJECT: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK’ÍYÁTI’ COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE NAVAJO NATION AS DETERMINED BY THE 24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RELATING TO THE STATE OF UTAH

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to approve the legislative priorities of the 24th Navajo Nation Council for the State of Utah.

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

24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

[Signature]

Primary Sponsor

TRACKING NO. 004-19

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ADOPTING THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE NAVAJO NATION
AS DETERMINED BY THE 24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RELATING
TO THE STATE OF UTAH

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. See 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. See 2 N.N.C. §§ 700
(A), 701(A)(6).
D. The 2019 Utah Legislative Priorities provides a list of topics addressed during the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee’s State Affairs Task Force Subcommittee meetings.

E. The Navajo Nation’s legislative priorities for the State of Utah are as follows:

1. Education
   a. Addressing the achievement gap for Utah’s Native American students
   b. A study on San Juan School District’s student transportation system
   c. Construction of a new Bluff Elementary School

2. Transportation
   Road conditions and commuter safety issues associated with SR 164 in Montezuma Creek and SR 163 in Monument Valley

3. Public Lands
   Continuing support for Bears Ears National Monument

4. Utah Navajo Water Settlement
   Continuing support for Senate Bill 664, the Navajo Utah Water Rights Settlement Act of 2017

5. Economic Development
   Urging the Governor’s Office of Economic Development to initiate and maintain collaboration and partnerships with the Navajo Division of Economic Development in exploring business developments and job creation in San Juan County

6. Tribal-State Consultation
   a. Based on the Governor’s Executive Order on Tribal Consultation, urging the State to honor the government-to-government relationship and to apply tribal consultation uniformly across the spectrum of issues
   b. Supporting the designation of the Utah Division of Indian Affairs as a cabinet level entity with an adequate budget to support and carry-out tribal-state relations.

F. These priorities were adopted and approved by the 23rd Navajo Nation Council in Resolution NABI-79-18, attached as Exhibit A.
G. The Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest of the Navajo People to support the approval and adoption of the legislative priorities of the Navajo Nation as determined by the 24th Navajo Nation Council and relating to the State of Utah.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Navajo Nation’s legislative priorities regarding the State of Utah for 2019 as determined by the 24th Navajo Nation Council and authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, and their designees, and the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee to advocate the position of the Navajo Nation with the State of Utah Legislature, Utah State Agencies, and the State of Utah Governor’s Office for the preservation of funding and policies in the Navajo Nation’s priority areas.