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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 NEW MEXICO

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

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

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MEXICO

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. §§ 164

D. The New Mexico 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 New Mexico are as follows, in no particular order of preference:

1. Capital Outlay
   i. NM Process
   ii. NN 164 Process

2. Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF)

3. Veterans and Military

4. Tribal Right-of-Way

5. Public Safety
   i. Amber alert communications on Navajo Nation
   ii. E911 Service
   iii. Police Cross Commission with Navajo Nation

6. Telecommunications Infrastructure (911)
   i. First Net
   ii. Emergency Management

7. Education

8. New Mexico State Budget

9. Water and Water Rights

10. Gaming
    i. Fantasy gaming
    ii. Sports Betting
    iii. Internet Gaming
    iv. Alcohol on Gaming floor

11. Energy and Natural Resources

12. Gold King Mine Spill

13. Sacred Sites

14. Roads

15. Capital Punishment

16. Sexual Assault Prevention
17. Delayed Birth Certificates/Federal Real ID Drivers License/Drivers Authorization Card
18. State/Tribal Collaboration Act
19. Health Care
20. Economic Development
21. Elders
22. Social Services
23. Alcohol
   i. Exposure Deaths
   ii. Detox Centers
   iii. Liquor excise tax
24. Gas Tax at the Rack with removal of Tribal exemption
25. Tax Reform
26. Antiquities Preservation
27. Human Rights
   i. Hate Crimes/Discrimination
   ii. Sexual Assault Prevention
   iii. Human Trafficking
   iv. Harassment
   v. Indian Child Welfare Act
28. Radiation and Uranium Exposure
29. Medical Marijuana
F. These priorities were adopted and approved by the 23rd Navajo Nation Council in Resolution NABI-77-18, 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 New Mexico.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Navajo Nation’s legislative priorities relating to the State of New Mexico as determined by the 24th Navajo Nation Council and authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, and their designees, and the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee’s State Affairs Task Force, to advocate the position of the Navajo Nation with the State of New Mexico.