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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0006-19

DATE: January 15, 2019

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

Kee Allen Begay Jr

Primary Sponsor

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THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE NAVAJO NATION AS DETERMINED
BY THE 24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RELATING TO THE STATE OF NEW
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'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'iyáti' 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) (2015); CO-45-12.
- D. The New Mexico Legislative Priorities provides a list of topics addressed during the Naabik'iyáti' Committee's State Affairs Task Force Subcommittee meetings.

1 E. The Navajo Nation's legislative priorities for the State of New Mexico are as follows, in
2 no particular order of preference:

- 3 1. Capital Outlay
 - 4 i. NM Process
 - 5 ii. NN 164 Process
- 6 2. Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF)
- 7 3. Veterans and Military
- 8 4. Tribal Right-of-Way
- 9 5. Public Safety
 - 10 i. Amber alert communications on Navajo Nation
 - 11 ii. E911 Service
 - 12 iii. Police Cross Commission with Navajo Nation
- 13 6. Telecommunications Infrastructure (911)
 - 14 i. First Net
 - 15 ii. Emergency Management
- 16 7. Education
- 17 8. New Mexico State Budget
- 18 9. Water and Water Rights
- 19 10. Gaming
 - 20 i. Fantasy gaming
 - 21 ii. Sports Betting
 - 22 iii. Internet Gaming
 - 23 iv. Alcohol on Gaming floor
- 24 11. Energy and Natural Resources
- 25 12. Gold King Mine Spill
- 26 13. Sacred Sites
- 27 14. Roads
- 28 15. Capital Punishment
- 29 16. Sexual Assault Prevention

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1 17. Delayed Birth Certificates/Federal Real ID Drivers License/Drivers
2 Authorization Card

3 18. State/Tribal Collaboration Act

4 19. Health Care

5 20. Economic Development

6 21. Elders

7 22. Social Services

8 23. Alcohol

9 i. Exposure Deaths

10 ii. Detox Centers

11 iii. Liquor excise tax

12 24. Gas Tax at the Rack with removal of Tribal exemption

13 25. Tax Reform

14 26. Antiquities Preservation

15 27. Human Rights

16 i. Hate Crimes/Discrimination

17 ii. Sexual Assault Prevention

18 iii. Human Trafficking

19 iv. Harassment

20 v. Indian Child Welfare Act

21 28. Radiation and Uranium Exposure

22 29. Medical Marijuana

23 F. These priorities were adopted and approved by the 23rd Navajo Nation Council in
24 Resolution NABI-77-18, attached as Exhibit A.

25 G. The Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest of the Navajo People to support the approval
26 and adoption of the legislative priorities of the Navajo Nation as determined by the 24th
27 Navajo Nation Council and relating to the State of New Mexico.

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29 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**
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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’iyáti’ Committee’s State Affairs Task Force, to advocate the position of the Navajo Nation with the State of New Mexico.