TITLE: An Action Relating To Health Education And Human Services Committee And NAABIK'IYATI' Committee; Supporting Arizona Senate Bill 1355 Titled “An Act Requiring The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration To Seek Federal Authorization To Reimburse Indian And Tribal Health Providers

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DATE: May 2, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING ARIZONA SENATE BILL 1355 TITLED “AN ACT REQUIRING THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE INDIAN AND TRIBAL HEALTH PROVIDERS”

PURPOSE: If approved, this resolution will support Arizona Senate Bill 1355 titled “AN ACT REQUIRING THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE INDIAN AND TRIBAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.”

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 to review each proposed resolution in detail.
PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

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TRACKING NO. 0114-19

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE AND NAABIK’IYÁTI’ COMMITTEE: SUPPORTING ARIZONA
SENATE BILL 1355 TITLED “AN ACT REQUIRING THE ARIZONA HEALTH
CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK
FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE INDIAN AND TRIBAL
HEALTH PROVIDERS”

WHEREAS:

A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik’iyati’ Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik’iyati’ Committee to 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). See also CO-45-12.

B. The Navajo Nation established the Health Education and Human Services Committee (“HEIISC”) as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered HEIISC to review and recommend resolutions relating to health within the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 400 et seq. See also CO-45-12.

C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of Arizona.
D. During the First Regular Session of 2019, Arizona State Senator Heather Carter introduced Senate Bill 1355 to the 54th Legislature. See Arizona SB 1355 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

E. Arizona Senate Bill 1355 will require the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System ("AHCCCS") administration to seek federal authorization to reimburse the Indian Health Services and tribal facilities to cover the cost of eligible adult dental services. Id. See also Exhibit B.

F. The Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board Inc., Board of Directors supports the passage of SB 1355 and respectfully requests the Navajo Nation to support the passage of Arizona SB 1355. See Exhibit B.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports Arizona Senate Bill 1355 titled "AN ACT REQUIRING THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE INDIAN AND TRIBAL HEALTH PROVIDERS" attached hereto as Exhibit A.

B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to advocate the Navajo Nation's support of Arizona Senate Bill 1355.