TITLE: An Action Relating To NAABIK’IYATI’; Establishing A Negotiating Team For P.L. 638 Contracts

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DATE: May 23, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'IIYATI'; ESTABLISHING A NEGOTIATING TEAM FOR P.L. 638 CONTRACTS

PURPOSE: This bill will establish a negotiating team for P.L. 638 contracts.

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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(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0134-19

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK’ÍYÁTI’; ESTABLISHING A NEGOTIATING TEAM FOR P.L. 638 CONTRACTS

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings

1. The Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act allows Indian tribes some control over management of federal programs that impact tribal government, its members and resources. P.L. 93-638. See also, www.doi.gov.

2. Navajo Nation negotiates and receives several federal grants for numerous programs it manages pursuant to P.L. 93-638 contracts.

3. Prior to final acceptance of funds under P.L. 93-638 contracts, it is necessary that the Navajo Nation adequately negotiate terms on funding amounts.

Section Two. Establishing 638 Negotiating Team

The Naabik’íyáti’ Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby establishes a negotiating team for all proposed or anticipated Navajo Nation P.L. 93-638 contracts.
The negotiating team shall consist of five (5) members, representing the Navajo Nation Office of the President/Vice President, the Office of the Speaker, the Office of the Controller, the Attorney General and the program seeking federal funds under contract. Upon recommendation of the entities named herein, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee shall confirmed the appointments.

Section Three. Duties and Responsibilities

The duties and responsibilities of the Negotiating Team shall be as follows:

1. The entity shall only exist for the duration of the 24th Navajo Nation Council.

2. The Negotiating Team shall meet periodically, upon duly-called meetings.

3. The Negotiating Team shall not delay contract reviews and the approval process under Navajo law. The authority of the Negotiating Team shall be limited to providing recommendations and serving as an advisory role to Navajo Nation officials responsible for 638 contracting.

4. Notwithstanding the establishment of the Negotiating Team herein, the Navajo Nation's procedural requirements of Title 2 for federal contracts shall remain the same.

5. Except for necessary expenses and subject to available program funds, members attending meetings shall not be compensated.