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AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT: AMENDING AND UPDATING THE NAVAJO NATION’S NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST

PURPOSE: Approving and updating the Navajo Nation’s Natural Heritage Program Endangered Species List.

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 NAVAJO NATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT: AMENDING AND
UPDATING THE NAVAJO NATION'S NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM
ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST

Section One. AUTHORITY

A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council exercises oversight authority over wildlife on the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §500(C)

B. The Navajo Nation Criminal Code protects wildlife, endangered species in particular, on the Navajo Nation. 17 N.N.C. § 507

C. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is charged with developing a list, by regulation, of those species and subspecies of wildlife indigenous to the Navajo Nation which are determined to be endangered within the Navajo Nation giving their common and scientific names by species and subspecies. 17 N.N.C. § 507(A)

Section Two. FINDINGS

A. The Navajo Natural Heritage Program is tasked with maintaining and managing the Navajo Endangered Species List (NESL) as one of its responsibilities under contract with the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.
B. Under the Navajo Nation Nation Criminal Code wildlife on the Navajo Nation, endangered species on the NESL in particular, are protected. 17 N.N.C. § 507

C. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is charged with developing a list, by regulation, of those species and subspecies of wildlife indigenous to the Navajo Nation which are determined to be endangered within the Navajo Nation giving their common and scientific names by species and subspecies. 17 N.N.C. § 507(A)

D. The Navajo Natural Heritage Program has submitted an updated Navajo Endangered Species List. See Exhibit A.

E. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Diné to approve the updated Navajo Endangered Species List as submitted by the Navajo Natural Heritage Program and as found at Exhibit A.

Section Three. APPROVAL

The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves the updated Navajo Endangered Species List as submitted by the Navajo Natural Heritage Program and as found at Exhibit A.