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**TITLE: An Action Relating To The Law And Order, Health, Education & Human Services Committees, And The NAABIK'IYATI' Committee; Stating The Official Position Of The Navajo Nation Concerning Violence Against Women As Presented In Written Testimony To The United States Department Of Justice, Office Of Violence Against Women In Conjunction With The 14TH Annual Government-To-Government Tribal Consultation**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET  
Tracking No. 0268-19

**DATE:** September 6, 2019

AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES, AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; STATING THE OFFICAL POSITION OF THE NAVAJO NATION CONCERNING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AS PRESENTED IN WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOVERNMENT -TO- GOVERNMENT TRIBAL CONSULTATION.

**PURPOSE:** Approving the official position of the Navajo Nation concerning violence against women as presented in written testimony to be submitted to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women as part of the government-to-government tribal consultation.

**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.**

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD:                       
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Law & Order Committee  
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Health Education & Human Services Committee  
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Naabik'iyáti' Committee

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2019

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9 SERVICES COMMITTEES, AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; STATING THE  
10 OFFICAL POSITION OF THE NAVAJO NATION CONCERNING VIOLENCE  
11 AGAINST WOMEN AS PRESENTED IN WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE UNITED  
12 STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN  
13 CONJUNCTION WITH THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOVERNMENT -TO-GOVERNMENT  
14 TRIBAL CONSULTATION.  
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18 WHEREAS:

19 **Section One. Authority**

- 20 A. The Navajo Nation established the Law and Order Committee to, in part, protect the  
21 rights and interests of the Navajo People. 2 N.N.C. §600(C)(2)  
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23 B. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education, and Human Services  
24 Committee ("HEHSC") as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such  
25 empowered HEHSC to review and recommend resolutions relating to health within  
26 the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 400(C)(1).  
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28 C. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation  
29 Council standing committee. 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A) (2012) *see also* CJA-03-13.  
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- 1 D. The Naabik'iyáti Committee has the power to coordinate all requests for information,  
2 appearances and testimony related to proposed federal legislation. 2 N.N.C. § 701  
3 (A)(6).
- 4 E. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United  
5 States of America, Treaty of 1868, Aug. 12, 1868, 15 Stat. 667.
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7 **Section Two. Findings**

- 8 A. The United States Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women  
9 Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation (U.S. DOJ-OVW) occurred August  
10 21-22 in New Buffalo, Michigan and was held pursuant to Public Law 109-162, Title  
11 IX, Section 903 of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005. See  
12 Exhibit B.
- 13 B. The deadline for submitting official written testimony to the U.S. DOJ-OVW is  
14 September 30, 2019.
- 15 C. The official written testimony, as found at Exhibit A, attached, is a collaborative  
16 effort between the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of the Navajo Nation  
17 as well as contributed information and data from various Navajo programs and  
18 organizations supporting the efforts of combatting violence against Navajo women,  
19 children and law enforcement.
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- 21 D. The written testimony, as found at Exhibit A, supports the Navajo Nation's position  
22 for the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act because grant funding  
23 (i.e. shelter services and victim advocates) and technical support is provided to the  
24 Navajo Nation through health and social services programs.
- 25 E. Additionally, the reauthorization of the Act would expand protections for children  
26 and law enforcement caught in the crossfire of domestic violence disputes, sex  
27 trafficking and transitional housing for victims of violence.
- 28 F. The Navajo Nation finds it to be in the best interest of the Diné to approve as the  
29 official position of the Navajo Nation the written testimony and support for the  
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1 Violence Against Women Act as found at Exhibit A.  
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3 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

4 The Navajo Nation hereby supports as the official position of the Navajo Nation the  
5 written testimony as found at Exhibit A and authorizes it's submission to the United  
6 States Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women.  
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