TITLE: An Action Relating To NAABIK’IYATI’ Committee; Supporting United States Senate Bill 1853 titled “Bridging Agency Data GAPS And Ensuring Safety For Native Communities Act: Or “Badges for Native Communities Act”

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DATE: September 5, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK’ÍYÁTI’ COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING UNITED STATES SENATE BILL 1853 TITLED “BRIDGING AGENCY DATA GAPS AND ENSURING SAFETY FOR NATIVE COMMUNITIES ACT” OR “BADGES FOR NATIVE COMMUNITIES ACT”

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to support United States Senate Bill 1853 Titled “Bridging Agency Data Gaps and Ensuring Safety for Native Communities Act” or “BADGES for Native Communities Act.”

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 NAVAO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

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TRACKING NO. 0298-19

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK’ÍYÁTI’ COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING UNITED
STATES SENATE BILL 1853 TITLED “BRIDGING AGENCY DATA GAPS AND
ENSURING SAFETY FOR NATIVE COMMUNITIES ACT; OR “BADGES FOR
NATIVE COMMUNITIES ACT”

WHEREAS:
A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee as a Navajo Nation
Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee to
monitor all federal and state programs and activities. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701
(A)(7).
B. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the federal
government.
C. Senate Bill 1853, attached as Exhibit A, seeks to addresses critical public safety
needs in Indian Country by addressing federal inefficiencies that hurt Bureau of
Indian Affairs law enforcement recruitment and retention, increasing the effectiveness
of federal missing persons resources, and giving Tribes and States resources to
coordinate responses to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW)
crisis.
D. According to a press release, attached as Exhibit B, from Senator Tom Udall’s office,
Senate Bill 1853 was introduced by U.S. Senators Tom Udall (D-N.M.), vice
chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.), Martha McSally (R-Ariz.), and Tina Smith (D-Minn.), all members of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports United States Senate Bill 1853 titled “Bridging Agency Data Gaps and Ensuring Safety for Native Communities Act” or “BADGES for Native Communities Act” 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 United States Senate Bill 1853.