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DATE: April 10, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK’IYÁTI’; SUPPORTING H.R. 292, A CONGRESSIONAL BILL ENTITLED “THE RURAL BROADBAND PERMITTING EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2019”

PURPOSE: This resolution, if adopted, supporting H.R. 292, a Congressional bill entitled “The Rural Broadband Permitting Efficiency Act of 2019.”

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 -- Second Year, 2020

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0090-20

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK’IYÁTI;
SUPPORTING H.R. 292, A CONGRESSIONAL BILL ENTITLED “THE RURAL
BROADBAND PERMITTING EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2019”

WHEREAS:
A. The Naabik’iyáti’ Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2
N.N.C. § 700. The committee is empowered to coordinate all federal and state
programs with other standing committees for purposes of providing the most efficient
delivery of services to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(4).
B. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo
Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 500(A). Purposes of the committee include overseeing
the efficient use of all resources of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 500(C).
C. On January 8, 2019, House Bill 292 was introduced in the United States Congress.
See attached Exhibit A. It is entitled “[t]he Rural Broadband Permitting Efficiency Act
of 2019.” The purpose of the bill is “to allow certain state and Tribal permitting
authority to encourage expansion of broadband service to rural and Tribal
communities.” 1d.
D. It is in the best interests of the Navajo Nation to develop and expand high quality
telecommunications, including broadband infrastructure, throughout the Navajo
Nation. The immediate expansion and improvement of telecommunications is critical
and absolutely necessary in coping with COVID-19. This contagious virus is severely impacting the health and lives of the residents and members of the Navajo Nation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: