TITLE: An Action Relating To NAABIK’IYATI Committee; Approving And Adopting The Legislative Priorities Of The Navajo Nation As Determined By The 24th Navajo Nation Council Relating To The State Of Arizona And Including Colorado Outreach Efforts

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TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE NAVAJO NATION AS DETERMINED BY THE 24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RELATING TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA AND INCLUDING COLORADO OUTREACH EFFORTS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is approve the 2020 priorities with the State of Arizona and including Colorado outreach efforts.

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

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TRACKING NO. 00160-20

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK’IYÁTI’ COMMITTEE: APPROVING AND ADOPTING
THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE NAVAJO NATION AS DETERMINED
BY THE 24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RELATING TO THE STATE OF
ARIZONA AND INCLUDING COLORADO OUTREACH EFFORTS

WHEREAS:

A. Statements of policy, enactment of positive law, intergovernmental agreements, budget
resolutions, and reallocations, must be reviewed and approved by resolution by the
appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation Council except as otherwise
provided herein. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A).

B. Statements of policy are written statements submitted to federal, state or local
governments by a Navajo Nation official stating the official position of the Navajo
Nation on proposed legislation or other action by that government. 2 N.N.C. § 110 (W).

C. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee as a Navajo Nation Council
standing committee and as such empowered Naabik’iyáti’ Committee to assist and
coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed
county, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A)
and 701(A)(6).
D. The 2020 Arizona Legislative Priorities provides a list of topics addressed during the Naabik’iýáti’ Committee’s State Affairs Task Force Subcommittee meetings.

E. The Navajo Nation’s legislative priorities for the State of Arizona are as follows:

1. Community Development
   a. TPT for economic development or Pursue efforts to end dual taxation
   b. Pursue Teller TPT bill to return more TPT to the tribe
   c. Appropriation for senior/veterans center in Ganado
   d. Annual appropriation for tribal colleges: Dine College/NTU/TON College/San Carlos College
   e. NN TPT Rural Tribal Bill 15% of TPT to Navajo Nation for economic infrastructure and public safety in addition to 15% going to Navajo colleges
   f. Public safety projects with NM at Shiprock and Fort Defiance
   g. Establish a joint-use National Guard post/veteran’s office
   h. Increase infrastructure development in Bennett Freeze area
   i. DES Chinle Building
   j. First Net
   k. Uranium Remediation
   l. Gallup-Window Rock Water Project
   m. NGS/Arizona water certificates

2. Economic Development
   a. TPT for economic development (same as 1. a., above)
   b. Previous NN TPT Rural Tribal bill/ 15 % of TPT to Navajo in addition to 15 % now going to tribal colleges
   c. Teller bill allowing tribes to retain more TPT annually
   d. Support Navajo gaming viability and growth and maintain casino gaming as exclusive to tribes
   e. Assist with state and federal agencies to enhance Navajo Nations’s economic development efforts
   f. Monitor the Innovation and other Arizona Corporation Commission dockets for changes that would risk the viability of the Four Corners Power Plant
3. Education
   a. Appropriation for tribal colleges remedial education efforts: NTU, San Carlos Community College, Tohono O’Odham Community College
   b. Support Governor Ducey’s plan for additional K-12 funding; 20% over three years.
   c. Expand and continue Arizona Code Writers Education Program for Navajo students.
   d. Oppose any additional measure of Desegregation Phase Down, which cost Arizona schools, serving Navajo funding.
   e. Continue to advocate for expanding Tribal College Dual Credit Program.
   f. Advocate for increase funding for Office of Indian Education
   g. Support Arizona policy change to have Arizona funding for students attending schools across state lines
   h. Oppose the elimination of desegregation funding for Arizona public schools

4. Public Safety
   a. Public safety projects with New Mexico
   b. Continue support for First Net implementation
   c. Pursue liquor sale restrictions within a certain number of miles from the Navajo Nation border

5. Social Services
   Seek to increase TANF funding lifetime limit

6. Sovereignty
   Monitor and intervene on any legislation or Arizona administrative action which negatively impacts Navajo’s rights or sovereignty

7. Health Care
   a. Prevent the reduction in eligibility in the AHCCCS for Navajos
   b. Support the passage of legislation that allows AHCCCS payment for tribal members for chiropractic services
   c. Dental care for tribal members
   d. Diabetes management
8. Natural Resources
   a. Monitor AZ public lands subject to federal condemnation by that may impact
      the Navajo Nation
   b. Monitor possible developments that could harm Navajo businesses
   c. Monitor the acquisition of lands near Navajo businesses
   d. Assist with NNGE land on SR89 going into trust by dealing with state
      officials
   e. Support LCR settlement process
   f. Oppose Arizona water legislation that endangers Navajo’s ground water or is
      harmful to Navajo
   g. Assist with the implementation of the Gallup Window Rock pipeline
   h. Monitor next round of Colorado river discussions for any impact on Navajo
   i. USDA, NRC, NN, State memorandum on soil and water conservation that
      negatively affects Navajo’s rights or sovereignty.
9. Navajo Veterans
   a. Native American tax settlement extension
   b. Ensure sufficient state budget funding for the Arizona Department of
      Veteran’s Services to serve Navajo Veterans
   c. Establish CBOC (Community Based Outpatient Clinic) on the Navajo Nation
   d. Explore the establishment of a Navajo veteran’s cemetery
10. Transportation
    a. Change current AZ fuel IGA from 12 cents to the NN and 6 cents to the state
       to allow all 18 cents to stay on the NN
    b. Highway 191 road project/$25 million
    c. HURF Fund ceasing sweeps language
    d. Highway 60 Navajo-Hopi projects
    e. US Bridge Bundle project/4 bridges
    f. Determine NN Policy for Arizona Rights-of-Way on Navajo trust land
g. NDOT to join ADOT data system to give ADOT Navajo road information to empower ADOT funding

11. Colorado Outreach
   a. Meet with Huerfano and Custer County leaders
   b. Meet with Representative Tipton
   c. Meet with Governor Schutz
   d. Meet with Senators Bennet and Gardner

F. The Navajo Nation Naabik'íyáti' Committee’s State Affairs Task Force Subcommittee recommends the Naabik'íyáti' Committee approve the priorities as indicated herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Navajo Nation’s legislative priorities relating to the State of Arizona for 2020 as determined by the 24th Navajo Nation Council and authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, and their designees, and the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee, to advocate the position of the Navajo Nation with the State of Arizona, State of Arizona Legislature, Arizona State Agencies, and the State of Arizona Governor’s Office for the preservation of funding and policies in the Navajo Nation’s priority areas.