TITLE: An Action Relating To Health, Education And Human Services And NAABIK’IYATI’ Committees; Approving And Supporting The Selection Of The Rehoboth Site For The Gallup Indian Medical Center Replacement Project

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DATE: June 24, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI COMMITTEES; APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE SELECTION OF THE REHOBOTH SITE FOR THE GALLUP INDIAN MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

PURPOSE: This Resolution, if adopted, will provide Navajo Nation support for the Rehoboth site being selected as the Gallup Indian Medical Center replacement site.

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. 0143-20

AN ACTION

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NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE
SELECTION OF THE REHOBOTH SITE FOR THE GALLUP INDIAN MEDICAL
CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS:
A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHSC) is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. It has the authority to review and recommend resolutions regarding certain matters, including health, education and social services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 400 (A), 401 (B)(6)(a) (2012); see also CO-45-12.
B. The Naabik’iyáti’ Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. It has the authority to "review and continually monitor the programs and activities of federal and state departments and to assist development of such programs designed to serve the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation through intergovernmental relationships between the Navajo Nation and such departments." 2 N.N.C. §701(A)(7).
C. The Indian Health Service is reviewing and proceeding with the Gallup Indian Medical Center (GIMC) replacement project. Phase I of the project, completed in November 2019, included studies and evaluations of 12 potential sites (see, Site Selection Evaluation Report, document included within Exhibit A herein). The sites considered included the Rehoboth Site east of Gallup, New Mexico.
D. The Navajo Nation is informed, "of the 12 evaluations performed, the Rehoboth property of east Gallup, NM was found to be the top rated site based on the guidance and criteria described in the Indian Health Service (IHS) Technical Handbook for Environmental Health & Engineering Volume II Healthcare Facilities Planning, Chapter 13-4 Site Selection and Evaluation Process, January 2017." See attached Exhibit A, a letter dated June 17, 2020 from the Navajo Area Indian Health Service (hereinafter, "IHS Notice").

C. Phase II of the GIMC replacement project "involves an in-depth evaluation of the top rated site for construction suitability." IHS Notice. This phase will include "a legal survey of the site, flood plan clearance, soil reports, archaeological/historical survey data, and an Environmental Assessment." Id. The Navajo Nation, through the Office of the President and Vice President, accepted $200,000 from the IHS to proceed with the evaluation site at the Rehoboth site. See Exhibit B. Based on this, the IHS acknowledged the Navajo Nation's "desire to enter into a Public Law 93-638 Construction Project Agreement (CPA) to conduct the Phase II assessment." IHS Notice.

D. The IHS informs the Navajo Nation that it "stands ready to provide technical assistance to negotiate and enter into the Title 1 CPA in support of the Nation completing the Phase II evaluation." Id.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Navajo Nation hereby approves and supports the selection of the Rehoboth Site for the Gallup Indian Medical Center replacement project of the Indian Health Service (as provided in IHS notice dated June 17, 2020, Exhibit A).

2. The Navajo Nation supports and approves with proceeding with Phase II of the GIMC replacement project as explained and proposed by IHS.

3. The Navajo Nation Department of Justice shall review all necessary documents relative to the Public Law 93-638 Construction Project Agreement for completing Phase II of the GIMC replacement documents. Such documents shall be approved by the appropriate standing committees of the Navajo Nation Council.