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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0004-19

DATE: January 17, 2019

**SUBJECT: 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 UTAH**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to approve the legislative priorities of the 24th Navajo Nation Council for the State of Utah.

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.-

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL— First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

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Primary Sponsor *Koe Allen Begay Jr.*

TRACKING NO. 0004-19

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 UTAH

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. *See* 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. *See* 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701(A)(6).

1 D. The 2019 Utah Legislative Priorities provides a list of topics addressed during the
2 Naabik'iyáti' Committee's State Affairs Task Force Subcommittee meetings.

3 E. The Navajo Nation's legislative priorities for the State of Utah are as follows:

4 1. Education

5 a. Addressing the achievement gap for Utah's Native American students

6 b. A study on San Juan School District's student transportation system

7 c. Construction of a new Bluff Elementary School

8 2. Transportation

9 Road conditions and commuter safety issues associated with SR 164 in
10 Montezuma Creek and SR 163 in Monument Valley

11 3. Public Lands

12 Continuing support for Bears Ears National Monument

13 4. Utah Navajo Water Settlement

14 Continuing support for Senate Bill 664, the Navajo Utah Water Rights
15 Settlement Act of 2017

16 5. Economic Development

17 Urging the Governor's Office of Economic Development to initiate and
18 maintain collaboration and partnerships with the Navajo Division of Economic
19 Development in exploring business developments and job creation in San Juan
20 County

21 6. Tribal-State Consultation

22 a. Based on the Governor's Executive Order on Tribal Consultation, urging the
23 State to honor the government-to-government relationship and to apply tribal
24 consultation uniformly across the spectrum of issues

25 b. Supporting the designation of the Utah Division of Indian Affairs as a cabinet
26 level entity with an adequate budget to support and carry-out tribal-state
27 relations.

28 F. These priorities were adopted and approved by the 23rd Navajo Nation Council in
29 Resolution NABI-79-18, attached as **Exhibit A**.

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1 G. The Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest of the Navajo People to support the
2 approval and adoption of the legislative priorities of the Navajo Nation as determined by
3 the 24th Navajo Nation Council and relating to the State of Utah.
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5 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

6 The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Navajo Nation's legislative priorities regarding the
7 State of Utah for 2019 as determined by the 24th Navajo Nation Council and authorizes the
8 Navajo Nation President, the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, and their designees, and
9 the Naabik'iyáti' Committee to advocate the position of the Navajo Nation with the State of
10 Utah Legislature, Utah State Agencies, and the State of Utah Governor's Office for the
11 preservation of funding and policies in the Navajo Nation's priority areas.
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