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TITLE: An Action Relating To Law And Order, Resources And Development, And NAABIK'IYATI Committees And The Navajo Nation Council, Amending 21 N.N.C. §503 (N) Of The Navajo Telecommunications Regulatory Act

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**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, will amend 21 N.N.C. § 503(N) of the Navajo Telecommunications Regulatory Act.

**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed resolution in detail.**

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Navajo Nation Council

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
2 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2020

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13 AMENDING 21 N.N.C. §503(N) OF THE NAVAJO TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
14 REGULATORY ACT

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16 BE IT ENACTED:

17 **Section One. Authority**

- 18 A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Resources and Development  
19 Committee as a Navajo Nation standing committee and was delegated oversight  
20 authority over communications and utilities to establish Navajo Nation policy  
21 with respect to optimum utilization of all Navajo Nation resources. 2 N.N.C. §  
22 500(C)(1).
- 23 B. The Navajo Nation Council established the Law and Order Committee as a  
24 Navajo Nation standing committee and was delegated authority to review and  
25 make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments  
26 to and enactments to the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600(C) and  
27 601(B)(14).
- 28 C. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo  
29 Nation standing committee and as such proposed legislation that requires final  
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1 action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik'iyáti'  
2 Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A).

3 D. The Navajo Nation Council must review and approve enactments or amendments  
4 of positive law. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A).

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6 **Section Two. Findings**

7 A. The Navajo Nation Telecommunication Regulatory Commission ("NNTRC")  
8 was established to regulate telecommunications within the Navajo Nation and  
9 delegated the power to perform any and all acts necessary and convenient to  
10 supervise, monitor, and regulate telecommunication and those persons providing  
11 telecommunications service within the Navajo Nation. 21 N.N.C. §§ 504 and 505  
12 (A).

13 B. In order for the NNTRC to effectively carry out its duties, Title 21 must be  
14 amended.

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16 **Section Three. Amendment to 21 N.N.C. § 503(N) of the Telecommunications**  
17 **Regulatory Act**

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19 The Navajo Nation hereby amends Title 21, Navajo Nation Code as follows:

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22 NAVAJO NATION CODE ANNOTATED  
23 TITLE 21. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS  
24 CHAPTER 5. TELECOMMUNICATION  
25 SUBCHAPTER 1. NAVAJO TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY ACT

26 § 503. Definitions

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29 N. "Person" means a natural person, either a Navajo or non-Navajo individual, sole  
30 proprietorship, partnership, corporation, joint venture, trust, estate, unincorporated

1 association, government (other than the government of the Navajo Nation and any wholly  
2 owned subdivision ~~or enterprise~~ of that government), public or private organization, and  
3 any part, division or agency of any of the foregoing or any other entity.  
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9 **Section Four. Effective Date**

10 The Act enacted herein shall be effective upon its approval pursuant to 2 N.N.C.  
11 §221.  
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13 **Section Five. Codification**

14 The provisions of this ordinance which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo  
15 Nation Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of  
16 Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification  
17 of the Navajo Nation Code.  
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19 **Section Six. Saving Clause**

20 Should any provisions of this ordinance be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation  
21 Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo  
22 Nation Supreme Court, those portions of this ordinance which are not determined invalid  
23 shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.  
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