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TITLE: An Action Relating To An Emergency: Emergency For The Navajo Nation; Relating To NAABIK'YATI'; Supporting S. ____, A Proposed Bill Introduced In The United States Senate Entitled, "Tribal Public Health Security And Preparedness Bill

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

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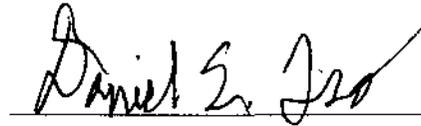
TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY FOR THE NAVAJO NATION; RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; SUPPORTING S. ____, A PROPOSED BILL INTRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE ENTITLED, "TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS BILL"

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to support S___, United States Senate Bill "Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Bill."

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)

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY FOR THE NAVAJO NATION; RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; SUPPORTING S. _____, A PROPOSED BILL INTRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE ENTITLED, "TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS BILL"

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §164 (A)(16) "[m]atters constituting an emergency shall be limited to the cessation of law enforcement services, and disaster relief services, fire protection services or other direct services required as an entitlement under Navajo Nation or Federal law, or which directly threaten the sovereignty of the Navajo Nation. Such an emergency matter must arise due to the pressing public need for such resolution(s) and must be a matter requiring final action by the Council."
2. The Navajo Nation offers this supporting resolution to support all aspects of providing emergency relief services including, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery.
3. Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) introduced in the U.S. Senate a bill entitled, "Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Bill." See attached Exhibit A. The purpose of the bill is to ensure that Indian Tribes have direct access to Public Health Security and Preparedness funds. Under existing law, tribes are not eligible for such funds.

1 4. COVID-19 is a serious respiratory disease that can be fatal. The disease is pandemic and
2 rapidly spreading.

3 5. It is crucial that the Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Bill” be enacted.
4 Once enacted, the law would immediately provide and make available funding for Indian
5 Tribes for purposes of addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.

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7 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

8 The Navajo Nation hereby supports S. _____, entitled, “Tribal Public Health
9 Security and Preparedness Bill. See, **Exhibit A.**