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TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'íyáti' Committee; Supporting the Navajo Nation Executive Branch position statement relating to a recommendation for the implementation of Title V, Coronavirus Relief Funding for Tribal Governments to the U.S. Department of Interior and U.S. Department of the Treasury

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0089-20

DATE: April 10, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTÍ COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO NATION EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITION STATEMENT RELATING TO A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TITLE V, CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to approve a position statement from the Navajo Nation Executive Branch the United States Departments of Interior and Treasury.

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.

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11 AN ACTION

12 RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO
13 NATION EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITION STATEMENT RELATING TO A
14 RECOMMENDATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TITLE V, CORONAVIRUS
15 RELIEF FUNDING FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
16 INTERIOR AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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18 WHEREAS:

- 19 A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is empowered to coordinate with all committees, Chapters,
20 branches and entities concerned with all Navajo appearances and testimony before
21 Congressional committees, and departments of the United States government. 2 N.N.C. §
22 701 (A)(8).
- 23 B. The novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) has caused a global pandemic and has hit the
24 Navajo Nation especially hard. As of April 10th, the Navajo Nation reported 558
25 cases of COVID-19 and 22 deaths from the virus.
- 26 C. The Navajo Nation anticipates these numbers to climb due to the chronic health
27 conditions experienced by many tribal members. As a result of these chronic health
28 conditions, an increased number of tribal members will need to be hospitalized.
- 29 D. In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 the President of the Navajo Nation
30 extended the previously declared State of Emergency on the Navajo Nation and

1 required government offices remain closed through April 26, 2020 in Executive Order
2 002-20.

3 E. The Navajo Nation Department of Health issued a Public Health Emergency Orders
4 requiring Navajo Nation residents stay at home to mitigate the risk of spreading
5 COVID-19 and to preserve the health and safety of all individuals residing on the
6 Navajo Nation. Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-003.

7 F. The Navajo Nation Department of Health also issued a Public Health Emergency
8 Orders extending the Stay at Home Order and implementing a curfew from 8:00 p.m.
9 through 5:00 a.m. for Navajo Nation residents. Public Health Emergency Order No.
10 2020-004.

11 G. The Navajo Nation finds itself in a precarious position as its revenues have declined
12 and its costs related to fighting the COVID-19 pandemic have increased.

13 H. The Navajo Nation has proposed a four-part methodology for apportioning
14 distribution relief to tribes and also provided general comments as indicated in
15 **Exhibit A.**

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17 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

18 The Navajo Nation Council supports the Navajo Nation Executive Branch position
19 statement, "Recommendation for the Implementation of Title V, Coronavirus Relief
20 Funding for Tribal Governments to the U.S. Department of Interior and U.S. Department
21 Of The Treasury" attached as **Exhibit A.**