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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti'; Supporting H.R. 2339, A Congressional Bill entitled "PROTECTING AMERICAN LUNGS AND REVERSING THE YOUTH TOBACCO EPIDEMIC ACT OF 2020"**

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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0117-20

**DATE:** April 28, 2020

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; SUPPORTING H.R. 2339, A CONGRESSIONAL BILL ENTITLED "PROTECTING AMERICAN LUNGS AND REVERSING THE YOUTH TOBACCO EPIDEMIC ACT OF 2020"

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if adopted, would support H.R. 2339, a Congressional bill entitled "Protecting American Lungs And Reversing The Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act Of 2020."

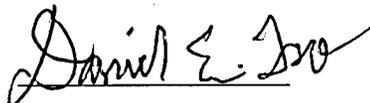
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Health Education & Human Services Committee  
Thence  
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2020

3 INTRODUCED BY

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5 (Prime Sponsor)

6 TRACKING NO. 0117-20

7 AN ACTION

8 RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND  
9 NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; SUPPORTING H.R. 2339, A CONGRESSIONAL BILL ENTITLED  
10 "PROTECTING AMERICAN LUNGS AND REVERSING THE YOUTH TOBACCO  
11 EPIDEMIC ACT OF 2020"

12 WHEREAS:

13 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of  
14 the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 600 (A). Consistent with Navajo Nation law, the  
15 committee represents the Navajo Nation at state and federal levels on proposed  
16 legislation such as health, education, environmental health, employment, veterans and  
17 other matters affecting the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(7).

18 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council.  
19 2 N.N.C. § 700. The committee is empowered to coordinate all federal and state  
20 programs with other standing committees for purposes of providing the most efficient  
21 delivery of services to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(4).

22 C. H.R. 2339 is a bill introduced in the United States Congress. It is entitled "Protecting  
23 American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2020." See,  
24 **Exhibit A**. The intent of the bill is to address the youth tobacco epidemic in the United  
25 States. It will revise requirements related to the safety, sale, and advertisement of  
26 tobacco products, including electronic nicotine delivery systems (for example, e-  
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1 cigarettes, e-hookah, e-cigars, and vape pens). See, [https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-](https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/2339)  
2 [congress/house-bill/2339](https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/2339). Provisions under the new proposed law include the  
3 requirement of color graphics on the labeling of cigarette packages (to show the negative  
4 health consequences of smoking), prohibiting retail online sale of tobacco products,  
5 restricting flavors other than tobacco in tobacco products, increasing user fees, imposing  
6 excise taxes on nicotine extracted, concentrated or synthesized, increasing civil penalties  
7 for certain violations of restrictions on the sale of tobacco products, and providing funds  
8 through FY 2025 to support public education and awareness regarding the harms and  
9 dangers associated with tobacco use.

10 D. It is in the best interests of the Navajo Nation to support H.R. 2339, a bill intended to  
11 address the youth tobacco epidemic in the United States.

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13 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

14 The Navajo Nation hereby supports H.R. 2339, a Congressional bill entitled  
15 "Protecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2020."  
16 See, **Exhibit A.**