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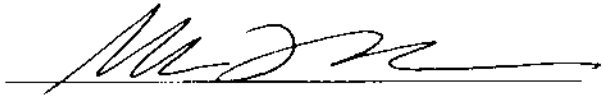
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Naabik'iyáti' Committee

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

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TRACKING NO. 0239-19

AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTÍ COMMITTEE;
ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN FOR THE
NAVAJO NATION AS DEVELOPED BY THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE AND ESTABLISHING SAID PLAN AS THE OFFICIAL
CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN OF THE NAVAJO NATION TO BE IMPLEMENTED
AND FURTHER DEVELOPED IMMEDIATELY BY THE NAVAJO NATION
GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS:

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council exercises oversight over matters concerning the health of the Navajo Nation.
2 N.N.C. § 400 (C) (1)
- B. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council exercises oversight authority over water, land, grazing, environment, economic and community development. 2 N.N.C. §500 (C).

- 1 C. The Naabik'iyáti Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is the standing committee
2 empowered to coordinate and pronounce the official position of the Navajo Nation
3 before non-Navajo government federal, state or other entities. 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A).
- 4 D. "Climate Change is real. Effects from climate change are happening right now and
5 the Navajo People are witness to its continuing outcome. Analyzing the effects to the
6 Navajo Nation in all aspects, culture and traditions are at risk. Many areas are being
7 jeopardized by climate change, one of those is—natural resources. Navajo culture is
8 centered around the available, yet diminishing, sources of natural resources." See
9 Exhibit B—"Climate Adaptation Plan for the Navajo Nation" (Page 13)
- 10 E. This legislation is a necessary response to the dangers, concerns and threats to our
11 People, our resources and our way of life caused by the established problem of
12 climate change on the Navajo Nation.
- 13 F. On March 20-22, and March 27-29, 2018 the Navajo Nation Department of Fish and
14 Wildlife (NNDFW) took the initiative to hold the Navajo Nation Community Leaders
15 Climate Change Adaptations Planning Workshop: Establishing Natural Resource
16 Priorities.
- 17 G. The focus of these workshops involved listening to grazing officials, land board
18 members and farm board members who were gathered to gain community level
19 insight on natural resource management and compare those insights with the
20 perceptions of the Navajo Nation natural resource professionals. See Exhibit A.
- 21 H. The NNDWF climate change workshops had as their goals: brainstorming a list of
22 natural resource issues; creating a priority list of natural resources issues; creating a
23 plan for climate change adaptation planning processes including compiling a list of
24 action steps, timelines and points of contact and create a plan for climate change
25 adaptation planning process with data generated. See Exhibit A.
- 26 I. Building on the information gathered in the Navajo Nation Community Leaders
27 Climate Change Workshops in December of 2018, the Navajo Nation Department of
28 Fish and Wildlife prepared and released a "Climate Adaptation Plan for the Navajo
29 Nation". See Exhibit B.
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- 1 J. The "Climate Adaptation Plan for the Navajo Nation" (Plan) provides outlines
2 Navajo Nation Priority Lists: Key Vulnerabilities on the Navajo Nation; Goals and
3 Adaptation Strategies: Assessing Priorities and Risks and Implementation Plans for
4 Water, Feral Horses, Communication, Enforcement and Compliance, Pollution, Air
5 Quality and Illegal Dumping and Grazing Management. See Exhibit B.
6 K. The Plan provides an excellent and viable starting point for the Navajo Nation to
7 identify and address through government policy the impacts of climate change on the
8 Navajo Nation.
9 L. The Navajo Nation through its Naabik`iyáti Committee finds it to be in the best
10 interest of the Navajo Nation and the Diné to accept and approve the "Climate
11 Adaptation Plan for the Navajo Nation" (Plan) as attached at Exhibit B and to adopt
12 the Plan as the official Climate Adaptation Plan for the Navajo Nation to be
13 implemented and further developed immediately by the Navajo Nation Government.
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15 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**
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17 The Navajo Nation through its Naabik`iyáti Committee hereby accepts and approves the
18 "Climate Adaptation Plan for the Navajo Nation" (Plan) as attached at Exhibit B and
19 adopts the Plan as the official Climate Adaptation Plan for the Navajo Nation to be
20 implemented and further developed immediately by the Navajo Nation Government.
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