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TITLE: An Action Relating To Health, Education And Human Services And Naabik'íyáti'; Supporting The Board Of Regents, Navajo Technical University, For Continued Funding Under The Strengthening Institution Program Of The Health Education Act As Enacted Through Public Law 111-152

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0244-19

DATE: August 6, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'YÁTI'; SUPPORTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS, NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, FOR CONTINUED FUNDING UNDER THE STRENGTHENING INSTITUTION PROGRAM OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION ACT AS ENACTED THROUGH PUBLIC LAW 111-152

PURPOSE: This resolution supports the Board of Regents, Navajo Technical University, for continued funding under the Strengthening Institution Program of the Health Education Act as enacted through Public Law 111-152.

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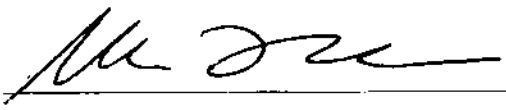
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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY



(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0244-19

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; SUPPORTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS, NAVAJO
TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, FOR CONTINUED FUNDING UNDER THE
STRENGTHENING INSTITUTION PROGRAM OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION
ACT AS ENACTED THROUGH PUBLIC LAW 111-152

WHEREAS:

A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education and Human Services Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee. 2 N.N.C. §400. The committee's responsibilities include overseeing the Department of Dine Education, and reviewing and recommending resolutions on educational services provided to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(6)(a) and (C)(1).

B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(7)(a), the Health, Education and Human Services Committee represents the Navajo Nation "at local, state and federal levels, in coordination with the President of the Navajo Nation and the Naabik'iyáti' Committee on proposed legislation, funding and other actions affecting health, environmental health, social services, education, veterans services, employment, training and labor."

C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700(A). Among its duties and responsibilities, the

1 committee "review[s] and continually monitor[s] the programs and activities of federal
2 and state departments and ... assist[s] development of such programs designed to serve
3 the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation through intergovernmental relationships
4 between the Navajo Nation and such departments." 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(7).

5 D. The *Strengthening Institutions Program* (SIP) of the federal *Higher Education Act*
6 provides funding to support institutions of higher education to help them become self-
7 sufficient and expand their capacity to serve low-income students by providing funds to
8 improve and strengthen the institution's academic quality, institutional management, and
9 fiscal stability. P.L. 111-152, *Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010*,
10 Title III, Part F (commonly referred to as the *Higher Education Act*). Institutions of
11 higher education, such as the Navajo Technical University within the Navajo Nation, rely
12 on funding provided through SIP. See attached Exhibit "A," resolution of the Board of
13 Regents, no. NTU-APR-1729-19, Navajo Technical University. For Navajo Technical
14 University, funding under the program is essential for purposes of increasing self-
15 sufficiency and providing innovative and critically needed services for students. Further,
16 funding is crucial for student retention and achieving completion rates meeting or
17 exceeding national averages, as well as strengthening institutional management and fiscal
18 stability. *Id.*

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20 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

21 The Navajo Nation supports the Board of Regents for the Navajo Technical
22 University in seeking from Congress and the President of the United States continued
23 funding under the *Strengthening Institutions Program* of the federal *Higher Education*
24 *Act* as enacted by Public Law 111-152. See Exhibit "A." hereof. The Navajo Nation
25 supports the board in seeking support for strengthening the essential program.