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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

**Tracking No.** 0278-19

**DATE:** September 5, 2019

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING UNITED STATES SENATE BILL 1853 TITLED "BRIDGING AGENCY DATA GAPS AND ENSURING SAFETY FOR NATIVE COMMUNITIES ACT" OR "BADGES FOR NATIVE COMMUNITIES ACT"**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to support United States Senate Bill 1853 Titled "Bridging Agency Data Gaps and Ensuring Safety for Native Communities Act" or "BADGES for Native Communities Act."

**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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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2019

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10 AN ACTION

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12 STATES SENATE BILL 1853 TITLED "BRIDGING AGENCY DATA GAPS AND  
13 ENSURING SAFETY FOR NATIVE COMMUNITIES ACT; OR "BADGES FOR  
14 NATIVE COMMUNITIES ACT"

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16 **WHEREAS:**

- 17 A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation  
18 Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'iyáti' Committee to  
19 monitor all federal and state programs and activities. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701  
20 (A)(7).
- 21 B. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the federal  
22 government.
- 23 C. Senate Bill 1853, attached as **Exhibit A**, seeks to addresses critical public safety  
24 needs in Indian Country by addressing federal inefficiencies that hurt Bureau of  
25 Indian Affairs law enforcement recruitment and retention, increasing the effectiveness  
26 of federal missing persons resources, and giving Tribes and States resources to  
27 coordinate responses to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW)  
28 crisis.
- 29 D. According to a press release, attached as **Exhibit B**, from Senator Tom Udall's office,  
30 Senate Bill 1853 was introduced by U.S. Senators Tom Udall (D-N.M.), vice

1 chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Lisa  
2 Murkowski (R-Alaska), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.), Martha McSally (R-Ariz.),  
3 and Tina Smith (D-Minn.), all members of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.  
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5 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- 6 A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports United States Senate Bill 1853 titled “Bridging  
7 Agency Data Gaps and Ensuring Safety for Native Communities Act” or “BADGES  
8 for Native Communities Act” attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 9 B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council,  
10 President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to advocate the Navajo Nation’s  
11 support of United States Senate Bill 1853.  
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