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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Respectfully Requesting the Governor of the State of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham, to Repair and Repave/Resurface New Mexico (N.M.) State Highway 371 from Thoreau to Farmington

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0020-21

DATE: February 2, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM, TO REPAIR AND REPAVE/RESURFACE NEW MEXICO (N.M.) STATE HIGHWAY 371 FROM THOREAU TO FARMINGTON.

PURPOSE: To respectfully request New Mexico State Governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham, to repair and repave/resurface New Mexico State Highway 371 from Thoreau to Farmington.

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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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—THIRD YEAR, 2021

INTRODUCED BY



Primary Sponsor

TRACKING NO. 0020-21

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'
COMMITTEES; RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF
NEW MEXICO, MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM, TO REPAIR AND REPAVE/RESURFACE
NEW MEXICO (N.M.) STATE HIGHWAY 371 FROM THOREAU TO FARMINGTON

WHEREAS:

- A. Statements of policy, enactment of positive law, intergovernmental agreements, budget resolutions, and reallocations, must be reviewed and approved by resolution by the appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation Council except as otherwise provided herein. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A).
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyati' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'iyati' Committee to assist and coordinate all requests for information, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 701 (A)(4), 701 (A)(6).
- C. The Resources and Development Committee shall exercise oversight authority over roads and transportation and to oversee planning and coordinating of all roads and transportation activities of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 500 (C)(6).
- D. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the state of New Mexico.

FINDINGS:

- 1 A. N.M. Highway 371 is a public highway that originates from Interstate 40, Thoreau, N.M.
2 to Farmington, N.M. and spans 109 miles in length.
- 3 B. N.M. Highway 371 is a primary transportation route for general motor vehicles for the
4 communities of Crownpoint and surrounding area.
- 5 C. N.M. Highway 371 is a primary transportation route for commercial trucks delivering
6 goods and services to, and beyond the Four Corners region.
- 7 D. N.M. Highway 371 is also a primary transportation route delivering goods and services
8 from the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI).
- 9 E. N.M. Highway 371, and due to the high amount of heavy commercial motor vehicle
10 traffic, has caused the road to deteriorate and is dire need of repair, repaving, or
11 resurfacing.
- 12 F. The Smith Lake Chapter is a duly recognized and certified local government of the
13 Navajo Nation Government. 26 N.N.C. § 1.
- 14 G. The Smith Lake Chapter supports the repair and resurfacing of N.M. Highway 371 as the
15 uneven surface and potholes cause wear and tear of personal vehicles, emergency
16 vehicles, and other motoring traffic. See Smith Lake Chapter Resolution SLC 01-2021-
17 005 as **Exhibit A**.

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19 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 20 A. The Navajo Nation hereby respectfully requests that New Mexico Governor, Michelle
21 Lujan Grisham, advocate on behalf of the Great Navajo Nation, to repair and
22 repave/resurface New Mexico State Highway 371 from Thoreau to Farmington, New
23 Mexico; to enhance the safety and welfare of citizens, visitors, and travelers of the Great
24 Navajo Nation.
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