LEGISLATION NO: _0060-21__ SPONSOR: Mark A. Freeland

TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik’íyáti Committees; To Proclaim an Honorarium and Memorial in Recognizing Survivors and Families, and Those Whom Lost Loved Ones to COVID-19; and "Appreciating" all of the Front Line and Essential Workers for their Sacrifice, Commitment, and Hard Work in Providing Continued Services to the Navajo Nation

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DATE: March 26, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; TO PROCLAIM AN HONORARIUM AND MEMORIAL IN RECOGNIZING SURVIVORS AND FAMILIES, AND THOSE WHOM LOST LOVED ONES TO COVID-19; AND "APPRECIATING" ALL OF THE FRONT LINE AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS FOR THEIR SACRIFICE, COMMITMENT, AND HARD WORK IN PROVIDING CONTINUED SERVICES TO THE NAVAJO NATION

PURPOSE: To proclaim an honorarium and memorial in recognizing survivors and families, and those whom have lost loved ones to COVID-19, and "appreciating" all of the front line and essential workers for their sacrifice, commitment, and hard work in providing continued services to the Navajo Nation.

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.
PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—THIRD YEAR, 2021

INTRODUCED BY

Primary Sponsor

TRACKING NO. 0010-21

AN ACTION

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NAABIK’IYÁTI’ COMMITTEES; TO PROCLAIM AN HONORARIUM AND
MEMORIAL IN RECOGNIZING SURVIVORS AND FAMILIES, AND THOSE
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THE FRONT LINE AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS FOR THEIR SACRIFICE,
COMMITMENT, AND HARD WORK IN PROVIDING CONTINUED SERVICES
TO THE NAVAJO NATION

WHEREAS:

A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education and Human Services Committee
as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Health,
Education and Human Services Committee to recommend resolutions relating to social
services, health and education. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400 (A), 401 (B)(6)(a)

B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee as a Navajo Nation
Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik’íyáti’ Committee to
include the authority to promulgate rules and regulations. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701
(A)(3)

C. The Proclamation, upon due consideration, is issued by the undersigned named official
and entities of the Navajo Nation.

1. On March 13, 2020, The Navajo Nation President Declared, via Executive
Order, a State of Emergency due to the confirmation of the COVID-19 Virus in
regional areas surrounding the Navajo Nation. The Navajo Nation closed all Navajo Nation government offices and supported the closure of all schools and educational institutions on the Navajo Nation. Executive Order 001-20 is attached as Exhibit A.

2. On March 18, 2020, The Navajo Nation Department of Health (NNDOH) and Navajo Office of Environment Health and Protection Program issued a Public Health Emergency Order that included all Navajo citizens to remain at home and abide by daily curfews and weekend lock downs. Additional guidance was to follow personal protective precautionary measures in the prevention and contraction of the COVID-19 Virus. NNDOH Public Health Emergency Order is attached as Exhibit B.

3. The COVID-19 Virus became a Global Pandemic infecting millions of people worldwide and attributed to mass infections and deaths to include the Navajo Nation.

4. As of March 9, 2021, the Navajo Nation and communities has endured 29,887 infections that attributed to 1,204 confirmed deaths. There were 16,202 recoveries. NNDOH data sheet is attached as Exhibit C.

5. The Navajo Nation proposes to honor and memorialize all survivors and those who succumbed to the COVID-19 Virus.

6. The Navajo Nation further proposes to recognize and “Appreciate” all Navajo Nation Essential and Frontline workers for their sacrifice, commitment, and hard work for providing continued services to the Navajo Nation.

7. The Navajo Nation hereby proclaims an Honorarium and Memorial in recognizing survivors and families, and those individuals who lost their lives to the COVID-19 Virus, and recognizing all Navajo Nation Essential and Frontline workers who continuously provided services to the Navajo Nation during the pandemic. Proclamation is attached as Exhibit D.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
A. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves an Honorarium and Memorial of those survivors and families, and of those individuals who succumbed to the COVID-19 Virus. And, further recognizes all Navajo Nation Essential and Frontline workers who provided their ultimate sacrifice, commitment, and hard work during the Navajo Nation and Global Pandemic.

B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, to proclaim an Honorarium and Memorial of the victims of the COVID-19 Virus and to further recognize all Navajo Nation Essential and Frontline Workers for their sacrifice, commitment, and hard work during the Navajo Nation and Global Pandemic.