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**TITLE: Requesting the Governors of the States of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah to Declare States of Emergency for the Drought Occurring Across the Southwest**

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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

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**DATE:** June 23, 2021

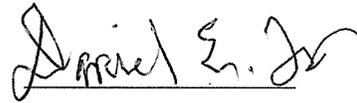
**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY FOR THE NAVAJO NATION; REQUESTING THE GOVERNORS OF THE STATES OF ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO AND UTAH TO DECLARE STATES OF EMERGENCY FOR THE DROUGHT OCCURRING ACROSS THE SOUTHWEST**

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if adopted, would request the Governors of the States of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah to declare States of Emergency for the drought occurring across the Southwest.

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 NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2021

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**AN ACTION**

**RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY FOR THE NAVAJO NATION; REQUESTING  
THE GOVERNORS OF THE STATES OF ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO AND UTAH  
TO DECLARE STATES OF EMERGENCY FOR THE DROUGHT OCCURRING  
ACROSS THE SOUTHWEST**

**WHEREAS:**

A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §164 (A)(16) “[m]atters constituting an emergency shall be limited to the cessation of law enforcement services, and disaster relief services, fire protection services or other direct services required as an entitlement under Navajo Nation or Federal law, or which directly threaten the sovereignty of the Navajo Nation. Such an emergency matter must arise due to the pressing public need for such resolution(s) and must be a matter requiring final action by the Council.”

B. The Navajo Nation is facing an emergency with drought and there is an immediate need for help with water in the communities across the Navajo Nation. In some remote areas of the Navajo Nation, entire domestic water systems are down completely. The members ofc the Navajo Nation, particularly the elderly, are in dire need of help with water. This constitutes an emergency.

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1. The Navajo Nation urgently requests that the Governors of the states of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah to immediately declare states of emergency in their respective states to address the severe hardships posed by drought.

2. The Navajo Nation further requests that, upon the issuance of states of emergency, that the governors deploy the National Guard to assist the residents of the Navajo Nation suffering the consequences of the severe drought.