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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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

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0102-21

AN ACTION

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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 of
the Navajo Nation, particularly the elderly, are in dire need of help with water. This
constitutes an emergency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:
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.