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TITLE An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee, and Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Supporting United States Congressional Bill H.R. 2739 Titled "Securing Urgent Resources Vital to Indian Victim Empowerment Act"

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0195-22

DATE: September 30, 2022

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL BILL H.R. 2739 TITLED "SECURING URGENT RESOURCES VITAL TO INDIAN VICTIM EMPOWERMENT ACT"

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will memorialize formal Navajo Nation support for "Securing Urgent Resources Vital to Indian Victim Empowerment Act"


This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed resolution in detail.

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Law & Order Committee
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Naabik'iyáti' Committee

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FOURTH YEAR, 2022

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACTION

11 RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'
12 COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL BILL H.R.
13 2739 TITLED "SECURING URGENT RESOURCES VITAL TO INDIAN VICTIM
14 EMPOWERMENT 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 coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed
20 county, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. *See* 2 N.N.C. §§ 700
21 (A), 701 (A)(6). *See also* CO-45-12.
- 22 B. The Navajo Nation established the Law and Order Committee as a standing committee
23 of the Navajo Nation Council. 2. N.N.C. § 600(A). The Committee represents the
24 Navajo Nation at the federal level advocating for legislation, funding, or actions related
25 to the justice systems, administrative legal tribunals and public safety activities. 2
26 N.N.C. § 601(B)(13).
- 27 C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United
28 States of America, Treaty of 1868, Aug. 12, 1868, 15 Stat. 667.
- 29 D. On April 21, 2021, Arizona Representative Tom O'Halleran introduced to the 117th
30 Congress H.R. 2739 titled the "Securing Urgent Resources Vital to Indian Victim

1 Empowerment Act” or the SURVIVE Act.” See H.R. 2739 attached hereto as **Exhibit**
2 **A.**

3 E. Rep. O’Halloran introduced the SURVIVE Act “[t]o amend the Victims of Crime Act
4 of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime....” *Id.*

5 F. The Navajo Nation supports H.R. 2739 for the following reasons:

6 1. The Act would establish a grant program through the Department of Justice’s
7 Office for Victims of Crime which must make grants for Indian tribes to provide
8 programs and services to crime victims.

9 2. The programs and services include domestic violence shelters, rape crisis
10 centers, child abuse programs, child advocacy centers, elder abuse programs,
11 medical care, legal services, relocation assistance, and transitional housing.

12 3. The Act makes five percent of the Crime Victims Fund available for these
13 grants.

14 G. For the reasons stated above, the Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest of the Navajo
15 People to support passage of H.R. 2739 titled “Securing Urgent Resources Vital to
16 Indian Victim Empowerment Act”.

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18 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

19 A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports H.R. 2739 titled “Securing Urgent Resources Vital
20 to Indian Victim Empowerment Act” attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**

21 B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council,
22 President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to advocate the Navajo Nation’s
23 support of the Securing Urgent Resources Vital to Indian Victim Empowerment Act.
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