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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Reaffirming the Navajo Nation's Opposition to Any Monument of Christopher "Kit" Carson Being Placed in the State of New Mexico, and Specifically at Bosque Redondo, Santa Fe Cemetery, or the Carson House and Museum in Toas**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0251-24

**DATE:** November 21, 2024

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; REAFFIRMING THE NAVAJO NATION'S OPPOSITION TO ANY MOMUMENT OF CHRISTOPHER "KIT" CARSON BEING PLACED IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXIO, AND SPECIFICALLY AT BOSQUE REDONDO, SANTA FE CEMETERY, OR THE CARSON HOUSE AND MUSEUM IN TOAS

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, would oppose any monument of Christopher "Kit" Carson from being placed in the State of New Mexico.

**Final Authority:** Naabi'kiyati Committee

**Vote Required:** Simple Majority

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

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
25<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL— Second Year, 2024

INTRODUCED BY

  
Primary Sponsor

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"KIT" CARSON BEING PLACED IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND  
SPECIFICALLY AT BOSQUE REDONDO, SANTA FE CEMETERY, OR THE  
CARSON HOUSE AND MUSEUM IN TOAS

WHEREAS:

- A. Navajo Nation statements of policy are written statements submitted to federal, state or local governments by a Navajo Nation official stating the official position of the Navajo Nation on proposed legislation or other action by that government. 2 N.N.C. § 110 (W). Navajo Nation statements of policy must be reviewed and approved by resolution of the appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation Council. *See* 2 N.N.C. § 164 (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 assist and coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed county, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701(A)(6).
- C. The Navajo Nation passed resolution NABIN-44-21, AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; REQUESTING THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO REMOVE THE NAME OF CHRISTOPHER "KIT" CARSON FROM ALL

1 MONUMENTS, STATE PARKS, GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, HIGHWAYS  
2 AND STREETS WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO. **Exhibit A.**

3 D. NABIN-44-21, outlined the brutal treatment the Navajo people endured under the hand  
4 and direction of Kit Carson, and voiced the Navajo Nation strenuous object to any and  
5 all memorialization of Kit Carson, including the erection of monuments and the naming  
6 of parks, government buildings, highways, roads, etc. in his honor.

7 E. The Navajo Nation recently discovered that discussions to place a monument of Kit  
8 Carson within New Mexico is being deliberated without tribal consultation. **Exhibit B.**

9 F. The Navajo Nation re-affirms their position in opposition of any monument of Kit  
10 Carson in New Mexico. The Navajo Nation calls on the State of New Mexico, including  
11 all cities, towns, and municipalities within New Mexico, and the Federal Government  
12 to cease placement of any monuments of Kit Carson.

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14 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

15 A. The Navajo Nation hereby requests the State of New Mexico to immediately remove  
16 the name of Christopher "Kit" Carson from all governmental properties, including  
17 monuments, parks, highways, streets, etc. in the State of New Mexico.

18 B. The Navajo Nation hereby further requests that the United States Federal Government  
19 immediately cease using Christopher "Kit" Carson in the naming governmental  
20 properties, including monuments, parks, highways, streets, etc.

21 C. The Navajo Nation additionally requests the immediate inclusion of tribal consultation  
22 regarding the current discussions to place a monument of Kit Carson within the State  
23 of New Mexico, specifically at Bosque Redondo, Santa Fe Cemetery, and the Carson  
24 House and Museum in Toas.

25 D. The Navajo Nation Council authorizes the Navajo Nation President and Navajo Nation  
26 Speaker to affirm the Navajo Nation's position of removing Christopher "Kit" Carson's  
27 name or monuments from government properties.