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**TITLE: An Action Relating to The Resources and Development Committee:  
Approving and Establishing the Resources and Development Committee's Priorities  
for the Term of the 25th Navajo Nation Council**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

**Tracking No.** 0134-24

**DATE:** June 23, 2024

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ESTABLISHING THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE'S PRIORITIES FOR THE TERM OF THE 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the resolution is to approve the "25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council Resources and Development Committee Priorities."

**Final Authority:** Resources and Development Committee

**Vote Required:** Simple Majority

**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.**

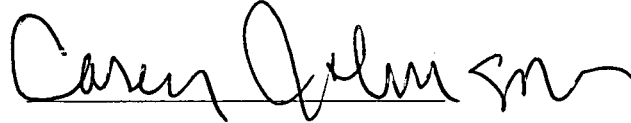
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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Second Year, 2024

Introduced by:



(Prime Sponsor)

Tracking No. 0134-24

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;  
APPROVING AND ESTABLISHING THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE'S PRIORITIES FOR THE  
TERM OF THE 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

**BE IT ENACTED:**

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council that has oversight authority over water, land, grazing, environment, environmental protection, cultural resources, agriculture, livestock, wildlife, roads and transportation, air transportation, communications and utilities, information technology, Chapter activities, economic and community development, commerce and trade, gaming, rights-of-way, minerals, public utilities, telecommunication, housing. 2 N.N.C. § 500 (A), 2 N.N.C. § 500 (C).

B. The Resources and Development Committee also is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations governing transportation, community development, land acquisitions for the Navajo Nation, environmental protection, and the use, sale, exchange, and development of Navajo Nation lands and/or resources, whether held in fee or trust status. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B) (1).

1 C. The Resources and Development Committee grants final approval for all land  
2 withdrawals, non-mineral leases, permits, licenses, rights-of-way, surface easements  
3 and bonding requirements on Navajo Nation lands and unrestricted (fee) lands. This  
4 authority shall include subleases, modifications, assignments, leasehold encumbrances,  
5 transfers, renewals, and terminations. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B) (2) (a).

6 D. The Resources and Development Committee is authorized to represent the Navajo  
7 Nation at local, state, and federal levels, in cooperation and coordination with the  
8 President of the Navajo Nation and the appropriate Committee of the Navajo Nation  
9 Council on proposed resolutions or actions affecting natural resources; energy  
10 resources; economic and community development; road and transportation matters;  
11 capital improvement projects, including recommending approval of the annual capital  
12 improvement projects budget of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Services  
13 and other departments or agencies of the United States; and housing development. 2  
14 N.N.C. § 501 (B) (5).

15 E. The Resources and Development Committee is the oversight committee of the Division  
16 of Natural Resources, including District Grazing Officers, Eastern Navajo Land Board,  
17 Farm Boards, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, including grazing issues to  
18 accomplish duties set forth in 3 N.N.C. §§ 832 and 852; Division of Economic  
19 Development; Division of Transportation; Environmental Protection Agency except as  
20 otherwise delegated by the Navajo Nation law; and legislative oversight to the Gaming  
21 Regulatory Office. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (C) (1).

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23 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

24 A. The Resources and Development Committee met on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and  
25 the Committee members discussed and deliberated on the Resources and Development  
26 Committee's overall priorities for matters within the Committee's authority.

27 B. The Resources and Development Committee members agreed upon the following list  
28 of overall priorities, as shown in the attached **Exhibit A**, titled: "25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation  
29 Council Resources and Development Committee Priorities:" The Priorities encompass  
30 the areas of Economic Development, Community Development, Transportation,

1 Natural Resources, Environmental Issues, Housing, communication with other  
2 sovereigns on issues within its oversight, and review of plans of operation for Navajo  
3 Nation Divisions within the Resources and Development Committee’s oversight  
4 authority, in addition to other topics.

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6 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT**  
7 **COMMITTEE’S PRIORITIES FOR THE FOUR-YEAR TERM OF THE 25<sup>th</sup>**  
8 **NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

9 The Resources and Development Committee hereby approves the Committee’s priorities  
10 in the attached **Exhibit A**, titled: “25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council Resources and Development  
11 Committee Priorities.”