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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0271-24

DATE: December 23, 2024

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION'S OFFICIAL FEDERAL PRIORITIES FOR THE INCOMING ADMINISTRATION AND THE 119TH CONGRESS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this proposed resolution is to approve the Navajo Nation's 2025 federal priorities as recommended and to authorize the Navajo Nation President and Speaker their designees to advocate for those priorities with federal government officials.

Final Authority: Naabik'íyáti' 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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14 THE INCOMING ADMINISTRATION AND THE 119TH CONGRESS

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16 WHEREAS:

- 17 A. Navajo Nation statements of policy are written statements submitted to federal, state or
18 local governments by a Navajo Nation official stating the official position of the Navajo
19 Nation on proposed legislation or other action by that government. 2 N.N.C. § 110 (W).
20 Navajo Nation statements of policy must be reviewed and approved by resolution of the
21 appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation Council. See 2 N.N.C § 164 (A).
22 B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council
23 standing committee and empowered the Naabik'iyáti' Committee to assist and coordinate
24 all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed county, state
25 and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701(A)(6).
26 C. The Navajo Nation, known as Diné Bikéyah, has existed for centuries, with a governance
27 system rooted in traditional leadership structures that were later formalized through treaties
28 and agreements with the United States Government.

- 1 D. The Treaty of 1868 between the Navajo Nation and the United States is a foundational
2 document establishing a government-to-government relationship, affirming Navajo
3 sovereignty, and providing for the Nation's territorial boundaries and rights.
- 4 E. Over the years, the Navajo Nation has engaged in numerous negotiations with the federal
5 government to uphold its trust responsibilities, including securing resources for education,
6 healthcare, and infrastructure development under the trust doctrine.
- 7 F. The Navajo Nation has played a significant role in shaping national policies affecting
8 Tribal Nations, advocating for legislation such as the Indian Self-Determination and
9 Education Assistance Act of 1975 and the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-
10 Determination Act of 1996.
- 11 G. The Nation's unique status as a sovereign government necessitates ongoing consultation
12 and collaboration with the federal government to ensure the protection of treaty rights,
13 natural resources, and the well-being of its citizens.
- 14 H. The Navajo Nation continues to assert its inherent sovereignty and seeks to strengthen its
15 government-to-government relationship with the United States through mutual respect,
16 dialogue, and partnerships in addressing the needs of its people.
- 17 I. The Navajo Nation is the largest land-base Tribe in the country, providing critical services
18 to over 400,000 members, half of whom reside on the Reservation and make up one-third
19 of the on-reservation Indian population in the United States.
- 20 J. The Navajo Nation is committed to promoting tribal sovereignty and the well-being of its
21 members through increased tribal control over federal programming, as well as through
22 economic development such as energy development in the Southwest, gaming, and
23 promoting entrepreneurialism, and in other critical areas.
- 24 K. The 119th Congress will be sworn-in on January 3, 2025, President-Elect Donald J. Trump
25 will be inaugurated as the United States President on January 20, 2025. It is imperative
26 that the Navajo Nation's leadership have authorization to engage with the incoming
27 Congress and President on issues important to the Navajo Nation's communities on day
28 one and those issues are attached and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**.
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1 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2 The Navajo Nation hereby approves the official federal priorities of the Navajo Nation,
3 attached as **Exhibit A**. The Navajo Nation requests that all levels of the United States
4 Government accept, act upon and resolve through partnership and consultation with Navajo
5 Nation leadership. The Navajo Nation Council authorizes the Navajo Nation President and the
6 Navajo Nation Speaker or their designees to advocate for these priorities with the federal
7 government.

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