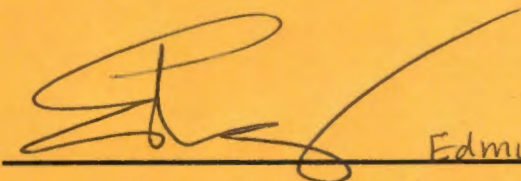


23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
LEGISLATION SPONSORSHIP WITHDRAWAL

I,  Edmund Yazzie, Primary  
Sponsor of proposed legislation hereby withdraw my  
sponsorship of the proposed legislation. The legislation  
tracking number is 0083-15.

If there are any co-sponsors, they may re-sponsor the same  
bill by beginning a new legislation.

SPONSOR SIGNATURE:

  
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DATE:

10/06/15  
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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0083-15

**DATE:** February 25, 2015

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; REAFFIRMING NAVAJO NATION'S POLICY AGAINST LEGALIZING MARIJUANA

**PURPOSE:** The resolution's purpose is to reaffirm Navajo Nation's Policy Against Legalizing Marijuana.

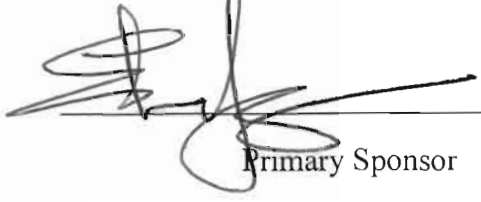
**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.**

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: Latomya Bubok  
Website Posting Time/Date: 4:01pm 3/2/15  
Posting End Date: 3/7/15  
Eligible for Action: 3/8/15

Health, Education & Human Services Committee  
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Naa'biik'iyáti' Committee  
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2015

INTRODUCED BY



Primary Sponsor

TRACKING NO. 0083-15

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER,  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; REAFFIRMING NAVAJO  
NATION'S POLICY AGAINST LEGALIZING MARIJUANA

WHEREAS:

- A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHS) as a Navajo Nation standing committee and as such empowered HEHS to review and recommend resolutions regarding social services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 400 (A), 401 (B)(6)(a) (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.
- B. The Navajo Nation Council established the Law and Order Committee (LOC) as a Navajo Nation standing committee and as such empowered LOC to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed Navajo Nation Code amendments and enactments. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 600 (A), 601 (B)(14) (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.
- C. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' as a Navajo Nation standing committee and as such proposed legislation that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik'iyáti'. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 700 (A) (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.
- D. Policy statements shall be reviewed and approved by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.

1 E. On Thursday, December 11, 2014, the United States Department of Justice released an  
2 October 2014 Memorandum entitled “Policy Statement Regarding Marijuana Issues in  
3 Indian Country”, which states that eight federal priorities “will guide the United States  
4 Attorneys’ marijuana enforcement efforts in Indian Country, including *in the event that*  
5 *sovereign Indian Nations seek to legalize the cultivation or use of marijuana in Indian*  
6 *County.*”

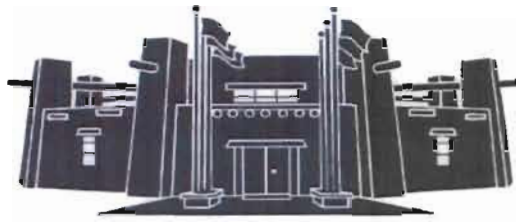
7 F. Currently, the Navajo Nation expressly prohibits marijuana use including but not limited  
8 to: possession of marijuana, production or delivery of marijuana, and delivery of  
9 marijuana to minors. 17 N.N.C. § 390 *et seq.* (2009).

10 G. Additionally, Naabik’íyáti’ passed a resolution opposing the State of Arizona’s attempt to  
11 legalize marijuana. The resolution received several supporting resolutions from various  
12 Chapters who were in opposition to the State’s attempt. NABIMY-31-14.

13 H. Legalization of marijuana fails to align with the Navajo Nation’s values and traditions.

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15 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

16 The Navajo Nation reaffirms their policy against the legalization of marijuana because  
17 use of controlled substances contradicts with Navajo values and traditions.



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Edmund Yazzie  
Navajo Nation Council Delegate

**FROM:** C West  
Carolyn R. West  
Attorney, Office of Legislative Counsel

**DATE:** February 25, 2015

**SUBJECT:** OLC Service Request No. 15-275-1: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, Naabik'íyáti' and Navajo Nation Council; Reaffirming Navajo Nation's Policy Against Legalizing Marijuana

As requested, I prepared the above-reference proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with all legislation, the proposed resolution is subject to review by the courts in the event of challenge. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure the proposed resolution is drafted to your satisfaction.

If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign it as "Primary Sponsor" and submit to the Office of Legislative Services where it will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment.

If the proposed legislation is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like to make to the proposed resolution.

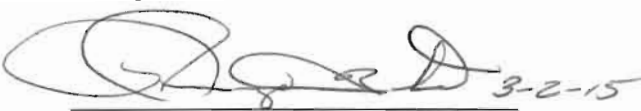




February 27, 2015

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** *Honorable Members*  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Law and Order Committee  
Naa'bik'iyati' Committee  
Navajo Nation Council

**FROM :**   
Hon. LoRenzo C. Bates, *Speaker*  
23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

**SUBJECT :** **ASSIGNMENT OF LEGISLATION**

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Pursuant to 2 N.N.C § 164 (A)(4), this memorandum serves to inform and advise you that I assign the following legislation to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, Law and Order Committee, Naa'bik'iyati' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council;

**Legislation No. 0083-15**

**RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, NAA'BIK'IYATI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; REAFFIRMING NAVAJO NATION'S POLICY AGAINST LEGALIZING MARIJUANA.**

As the Committee assigned to consider the legislation, Legislation No. 0083-15 must be placed on the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, Law and Order Committee, Naa'bik'iyati' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council's agenda at the next regular meeting for final consideration.

**ATTACHMENT:** Legislation No. 0083-15

xc: Hon. Ben Shelly, *President*  
The Navajo Nation  
Harrison Tsosie, *Attorney General*  
Mark Grant, *Controller*  
Dominic Beyal, *Executive Director, OMB*  
Honorable Edmund Yazzie, Council Delegate (*Prime Sponsor*)

THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: \_0083-15\_

SPONSOR: Edmund Yazzie

TITLE: An Action Relating To Health, Education And Human Services, Law And Order, NAABIK'IYATI' And Navajo Nation Council; Reaffirming Navajo Nation Policy Against Legalizing Marijuana

*Date posted:* March 2, 2015 at 4:01PM

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**THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY**

**LEGISLATION NO.:** 0083-15

**SPONSOR:** Honorable Edmund Yazzie

**TITLE:** Relating To Health, Education And Human Services, Law And Order, Naabik'iyati' And Navajo Nation Council; Reaffirming Navajo Nation Policy Against Legalizing Marijuana.

**Posted:** March 2, 2015 at 4:01 PM

**5 DAY Comment Period Ended:** March 7, 2015

**Digital Comments received:**

<b>Comments Supporting (1)</b>	<b>1. Ina Noggle – Nahata Dzii Chapter</b>
<b>Comments Opposing</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Inconclusive Comments</b>	<i>None</i>

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**Executive Director  
Office of Legislative Services**

3/9/2015. 1:15pm

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**Date/Time**



0083-15

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FORWARD

Ina Noggle <inanoggle@gmail.com>

Sat 3/7/2015 3:47 AM

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To: comments;

Thank you for revisiting this issue. I totally agree with it.

Ina Noggle

Nahata Dziil Chapter

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

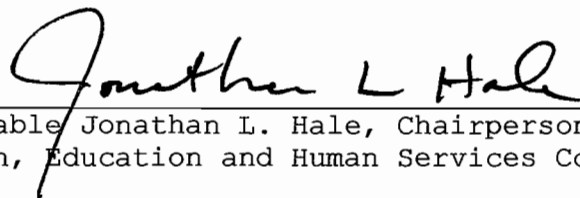
**THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL** to whom has been assigned;

**LEGISLATION NO. 0083-15**

An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law And Order, Naabik'iyati' And Navajo Nation Council; Reaffirming Navajo Nation's Policy Against Legalizing Marijuana

Has had under consideration and report the same with the recommendation that it **PASS** with no amendment and no directive;

And therefore referred the same to the **LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**



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Honorable Jonathan L. Hale, Chairperson  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee

Dated: March 25, 2015

**Main Motion**

Motion: by: Honorable Nelson BeGaye

Seconded by: Honorable Norman M. Begay

Vote: 3 in favor: 0 Opposed and 0 Abstain

**LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE  
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**FIRST YEAR 2015**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

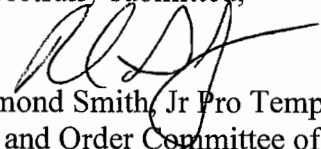
Mr. Speaker,

The **LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

**Legislation # 0083-15:** An Action relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, NAABIK'YATI' and the Navajo Nation Council; Reaffirming Navajo Nation's Policy against Legalizing Marijuana.

Has had it under consideration and reports the matter as DO PASS with no amendments and thereafter the matter will be referred to **NAABIK' IYATI' Committee.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Raymond Smith, Jr Pro Temp Chairperson  
Law and Order Committee of the  
23<sup>nd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Date: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Motion: Honorable Jonathan Perry  
Second: Honorable Otto Tso  
VOTE: 4-0

**NOTE: A quorum of 5 members were present**

# NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE REPORT

23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL---FIRST YEAR 2015

## LEGISLATION 0083-15

Introduced by the Honorable Edmund Yazzie

**An action relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, Naabik'iyati' and Navajo Nation Council; Reaffirming Navajo Nation's Policy against legalizing marijuana**

TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE:

The Naabik'iyati Committee, to whom has been referred Legislation **0083-15**, has had it under consideration and reports a **TABLING** Action. Legislation 0083-15 was tabled for a work session, no later than the FALL SESSION, on this 16th Day of April 2015. (Summary of discussion attached).



Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairperson  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE

Main Motion held by: Hon. Jonathan L. Hale

Second: Hon. Otto Tso

Tabling Motion: Hon. Tuchoney Slim, Jr.

Second: Hon. Otto Tso

Vote: 6-4-0 (Quorum of 2 from each committee applied)

NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE REPORT  
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR 2015

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

LEGISLATION **0083-15**

Introduced by the Honorable Edmund Yazzie

**An action relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, Naabik'iyati' and Navajo Nation Council; Reaffirming Navajo Nation's Policy against legalizing marijuana**

QUESTIONS/CCOMMENTS	RESPONSES
1. Proposed amendment for an exception that marijuana be allow for medicinal purposes.	
2. There are no Navajo Nation laws to support the enforcement and there is no certification process to clear individuals for medicinal uses.	
3. Input necessary from the public, '638 healthcare centers, veterans and NDOH. There are no attached documents from the proponent organizations to allow medicinal uses.	
4. Medicinal uses will involve tri-state medical cards from AZ, NM & UT	
5. There are potential abuses related to medicinal uses. How will those be handled?	
6. This is a policy change not an amendment to the law. (No laws are referred to) People are suffering and need marijuana for medicinal purposes. Peyote, at one time, was illegal. This is a similar situation. People are using it.	