

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2020

AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING ARIZONA HOUSE BILL 2573 TITLED "APPROPRIATION; LABORATORY; NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY"

WHEREAS:

- A. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is empowered to coordinate with all committees, Chapters, branches and entities concerned with all Navajo appearances and testimony before Congressional committees, and departments of the United States government. 2 N.N.C. § 701 (A) (8).
- B. The novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") has caused a global pandemic and has hit the Navajo Nation especially hard. As of April 18th, the Navajo Nation reported 1,197 cases of COVID-19 and 44 deaths from the virus.
- C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of Arizona.
- D. During the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, Arizona House Bill 2573 was introduced. See Arizona HB 2573 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- E. House Bill 2573 seeks to appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000 from the state general fund in fiscal year 2020-2021 to distribute to the Navajo Technical University to develop and construct an environmental testing laboratory on the university campus in Chinle, Arizona.
- F. Navajo Technical University has been planning a certified Navajo Environmental Center Lab for several years now and has been seeking funding for that lab from the Arizona legislature. The severe breakout of the covid-19 virus on the Navajo Nation and in Arizona is more evidence of the importance of such a lab to the tribe and the state. The planning that has gone on to date for an environmental lab has had several aspects, one


of which has been the ability to test for pathogens like covid-19. Given the importance of testing to allowing the opening up of the Navajo Nation and Arizona to a more normal way of operations, building a medical lab capable of developing and deploying tests to detect the virus, the Environmental Lab has become an even more important project for the Navajo people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports Arizona House Bill 2573 titled "APPROPRIATION; LABORATORY; NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY" attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to advocate the Navajo Nation's support of Arizona House Bill 2573.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 20 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 30th day of April 2020.


Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

May 5, 2020
Date

Motion: Honorable Vince R. James
Second: Honorable Mark A. Freeland

Chairman Seth Damon not voting



REFERENCE TITLE: appropriation; laboratory; Navajo technical university

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Fifty-fourth Legislature
Second Regular Session
2020

HB 2573

Introduced by
Representatives Tsosie: Andrade, Cano, Ch□vez, Cobb, Dunn, Lieberman, Pawlik, Peten, Salman, Teller,
Udall, Senators Gonzales, Steele

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Appropriation; department of administration; Navajo technical university;
environmental testing laboratory

The sum of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2020-2021 to the department of administration to distribute to the Navajo technical university to develop and construct an environmental testing laboratory on the university campus in Chinle, Arizona.

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4/30/2020

Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Special Mtg

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Amd# to Amd#	Legislation 0100-20: Supporting	PASSED
MOT James, V	Arizona House Bill 2573 Titled	
SEC Freeland, M	"APPROPRIATIONS; LABORATORY; NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY"	

Yeas : 20	Nays : 0	Excused : 1	Not Voting : 2
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Yea : 20

Begay, E	Crotty	James, V	Tso, D
Begay, K	Daniels	Nez, R	Tso, O
Begay, P	Freeland, M	Slater, C	Walker, T
Brown	Halona, P	Smith	Wauneka, E
Charles-Newton	Henio, J	Stewart, W	Yellowhair

Nay : 0

Excused : 1

Tso, E

Not Voting : 2

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Presiding Speaker: Damon