

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

AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE NAVAJO NATION RELATING TO THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

WHEREAS:

- A. Statements of policy, enactment of positive law, intergovernmental agreements, budget resolutions, and reallocations, must be reviewed and approved by resolution by the appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation Council except as otherwise provided herein. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A).
- B. 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).
- C. 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).
- D. Each of the Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council recommended 2021 New Mexico Legislative Priorities for their respective area(s) of oversight to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee's State Affairs Task Force Subcommittee; after review and discussion, the State Affairs Task Force compiled the Standing Committee recommendations into the 2021 New Mexico Legislative Priorities attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.
- E. The Navajo Nation Naabik'íyáti' Committee's State Affairs Task Force Subcommittee recommends the Naabik'íyáti' Committee approve the 2021 New Mexico Legislative Priorities attached as Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Navajo Nation's legislative priorities relating to the State of New Mexico for 2021, attached as **Exhibit A**, as determined by the 24th Navajo Nation Council and authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, and their designees, and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, to advocate the position of the Navajo Nation with the State of New Mexico, State of New Mexico Legislature, New Mexico State Agencies, and the State of New Mexico Governor's Office for the preservation of funding and policies in the Navajo Nation's priority areas.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' 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 23 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 11th day of December 2020.



Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman Pro Tem
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

12/16/20
Date

Motion: Honorable Mark A. Freeland
Second: Honorable Jamie Henio

Chairwoman Pro Tem Eugenia Charles-Newton not voting



NAVAJO NATION PRIORITIES

NEW MEXICO

Speaker Seth Damon & 24th Navajo Nation Council

1. COVID-19 Issue Response

- a. Advocate to New Mexico State and National elected and administration officials for the acquisition and dissemination, in coordination with Navajo Nation, of COVID-19 vaccine to prevent and decrease the COVID -19 virus among the Navajo people.
- b. Advocate to obtain all possible resources for the effective management of COVID-19, PPE supplies for the protection of Navajo front-line workers treating or responding to COVID 19 pandemic, and all needed resources and supplies needed for the survival of the Navajo People.
- c. Advocate to obtain essential food, water and medical supplies for Navajo members to sustain themselves during the course of the COVID-19 virus.
- d. Obtain all possible resources for the effective management of COVID-19, PPE supplies for the protection of Navajo front-line workers treating or responding to COVID 19 pandemic, and all needed resources and supplies needed for the survival of the Navajo People. COVID-19 mitigation
- e. Navajo Nation involvement with state planning to minimize

2. Capital Outlay

- a. New Mexico Capital Outlay Funds
 - Re-Negotiate state Tribal Infrastructure Fund policy
 - Secure funding for Navajo chapters and Navajo government programs
 - Concerns on heavy reliance on gas/oil taxes.
 - Concern with reversions
 - NM Joint Powers Agreement – relook at this and how it delays projects at the chapter level.
- b. GOB Projects
- c. STB Projects
- d. ICIP Projects
- e. Transportation Projects

3. Health Care

- a. Establishing the Navajo Nation IMCE with Nataani Development Corporation & Molina Healthcare
- b. Explore Options to Stop Alcohol Exposure Deaths
- c. State Funding for Detox Centers
- d. Expanding Options for Access and Regulation to Medical Marijuana
- e. Medicaid/Snap Assistance for Navajo Constituents
 - Secure and Increase WIC Funding
- f. State support for new Indian Health Services facility in Gallup.

4. Social Services

- a. Senior centers funding from NM
 - Secure and increase state funding
 - Explore new structure and options of state funding for better food plans and assistance.
 - Consultation needed with Navajo Nation Chapters
- b. Veterans – Resources and funding to establish veteran's wellness court
- c. Racial attitudes of border towns
 - human rights issues re: COVID-19
 - refusal of border towns to allow Navajos who tested positive for COVID-19 within their city limits to receive services and quarantine in a contracted facility

5. Census & Redistricting

- a. Include allotted lands and counts to Navajo census roll
- b. Get more Navajo representation based on constituents registered
- c. Possible for new State Senator or Representative seat

6. Community Development

- a. Telecommunications Infrastructure
 - Broadband Infrastructure
 - Internet Development
 - Cell Tower Transmission Infrastructure
- b. Energy Transition Act Job Retraining
- c. Increase state funding for roads and bridge replacement funding
- d. Initiate State Funding options for Housing Assistance
- e. State funding and support for county, state, and tribal roads within checkerboard area lands in the Eastern Agency.
- f. State support to convert Fort Wingate into a federal monument.

7. Economic Development.

- a. Business Development
 - Navajo Enterprises
 - Small Businesses
 - Major Retailer Relocate to NN – Essential Businesses
- b. Opposition towards Racinos

8. Education

- a. State Support for Impact Aid
- b. State Support for Martinez/Yazzie Issues

- State obligated to pay school districts
 - Funding for cultural and traditional learning
 - State Option for Funding: Perm Fund at 1% = \$ 700 million
- c. Early Childhood Education and Care
 - d. Vocational and Technical Training
 - e. Dual Enrollment Recognition - Tribal and State Colleges
 - f. State funding for family learning centers/libraries.

9. Public Safety

- a. Establish Amber Alert communications on Navajo Nation
- b. State Funding to Help in securing E911 Service
- c. Police Cross Commissioning
- d. Emergency Management Funding
- e. Human Trafficking Awareness
- f. Complete First Net Build Out
- g. Funding for Sexual Assault Prevention Programs
- h. Increase Juvenile Justice Programs
- i. Hate Crimes Prevention Awareness
- j. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Policy Creation with Funding
- k. Online safety awareness/training-dangerous website
- l. Improved communications for dead zones for public safety
- m. Programming for sex offenders
- n. State Funding for public safety headquarters and corrections buildings in Shiprock.

10. Natural Resources

- a. Water Infrastructure and Water Rights-Navajo Gallup Water Project
- b. RECA miners and down winders assistance
- c. NM Energy Act
- d. San Juan Generating Station impacted by this Act.
- e. Recognize and Protect Sacred Sites
- f. Cultural Resources and Preservation
- g. Antiquities Act Preservation
- h. Energy Transition Act (ETA) – Constitutional Amendment
- i. Agriculture and Ranching Recognition and State Funding
- j. Drought Management Policy Change
- k. Support Navajo NRCS, range management, land reform
- l. Policies for farmers and ranchers, irrigation canals, food systems, and farming equipment

11. Protection of Existing Statutes

- a. Protecting of Existing Statutes
- b. State Tribal Collaboration Act
- c. New Mexico Indian Education Act
- d. Tribal Infrastructure

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Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Special Meeting

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Amd# to Amd#	Legislation 0303-20: Approving	PASSED
MOT Freeland, M	and Adopting the 2021	
SEC Henio, J	Legislative Priorities of the	
	Navajo Nation Relating to the...	

Yeas : 23	Nays : 0	Excused : 0	Not Voting : 0
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Yea : 23

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

Nay : 0

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 0

Presiding Speaker: Charles-Newton