

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2021

AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; REAFFIRMING RESOLUTIONS NABIN-69-18 AND NABIMY-27-19, REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH DIRECT SERVICES ON THE NAVAJO NATION FOR NAVAJO VETERANS

WHEREAS:

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education and Human Services Committee ("HEHSC") as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered HEHSC to review and recommend resolutions regarding veterans and/or veteran services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164(A)(9), 400(A), 401(B)(6)(a)(2012). See also CO-45-12.
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee 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. See 2 N.N.C. §§ 164(A)(9), 700(A), 701(A)(7) and (8)(2015); See also CO-45-12.
- C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United States of America, Treaty of 1868, Aug. 12, 1868, 15 Stat. 667.
- D. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council passed NABIN-69-18 requesting the United States Veteran Affairs Administration to establish direct services on the Navajo Nation for Navajo veterans. See NABIN-69-18 attached as **Exhibit A**.
- E. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council passed NABIMY-27-19 reaffirming Resolution NABIN-69-18 requesting the United States Veteran Affairs Administration to establish direct services on the Navajo Nation for Navajo veterans. See NABIMY-27-19 attached as **Exhibit B**.
- F. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs FY 2018 - 2024 Strategic Plan commits the department to making its electronic and information technologies accessible to individuals with

disabilities in accordance with section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (Title 29 U.S.C. § 794d) as amended in 1999.

- G. The Navajo Nation hereby request the United States Congress and Joe Biden Administration, to establish direct services on the Navajo Nation for Navajo veterans.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The 24th Navajo Nation Council hereby reaffirms NABIN-69-18 as passed by the 23rd Navajo Nation Council attached as **Exhibit A**.
- B. The 24th Navajo Nation Council hereby reaffirms NABIMY-27-19 as passed by the 24th Navajo Nation Council attached as **Exhibit B**.
- C. The Navajo Nation through the 24th Navajo Nation Council requests the United States Congress and President Joe Biden Administration to establish direct services on the Navajo Nation for Navajo veterans.
- D. The Navajo Nation through the 24th Navajo Nation Council hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, Navajo Washington Office and their designees, to advocate for this request.

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 21 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 31st day of August 2021.

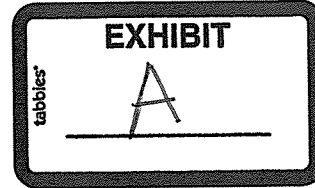

Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Sept 2, 2021
Date

Motion: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton
Second: Honorable Vince R. James

Chairman Seth Damon not voting

RESOLUTION OF THE
 NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE
 23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2018



AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND
 NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED
 STATES VETERAN AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH DIRECT
 SERVICES ON THE NAVAJO NATION FOR NAVAJO NATION VETERANS

WHEREAS:

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHSC) as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered HEHSC to review and recommend resolutions regarding veterans and/or veteran services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 400 (A), 401 (B)(6)(a) (2012). See also CO-45-12.
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee 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. See 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 700 (A), 701 (A)(8) (2015); See also CO-45-12.
- C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United States of America, Treaty of 1868, Aug. 12, 1868, 15 Stat. 667.
- D. Historically, Native Americans served in the military at a higher rate than any other ethnic group. U.S. Gov'T ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE, HEALTH CARE ACCESS: IMPROVED OVERSIGHT, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND PRIORITIZATION CAN IMPROVE ACCESS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS 1 (2014).
- E. Currently, there are over 128,000 living Native American veterans with approximately 10,000 from the Navajo Nation. See U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates: 2011-2015 American Community Survey American Indian and Alaska Native Tables.

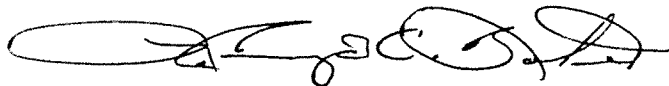
- F. Native American veterans have provided invaluable service and allegiance to the United States of America and bring great honor to their tribal communities.
- G. Within the last 5 years, reports of excessive and sometimes deadly waiting times for veterans seeking government healthcare came to light, and President Obama promised accountability. Scott Bronstein & Tom Cohen, *Obama: Shinseki stays for now, but VA misconduct will be punished*, CNN (May 23, 2014) available at www.cnn.com.
- H. In 2010, tribal leaders and representatives offered comments on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Indian Health Service (IHS) 2010 Memorandum of Understanding and other health related issues. One comment recorded showed that IHS understood the native culture, languages, and background; however, IHS did not understand the specific needs of Native veterans like the VA, i.e. post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI). DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: 2012 TRIBAL CONSULTATION REPORT 11 (2012).
- I. There is currently no United States Veterans Affairs office or services on the Navajo Nation. This requires Navajo veterans to travel off reservation to seek veterans services. The Navajo Nation has established a Veterans Administration through appropriations from the Navajo Nation General Fund; however assistance through the Navajo Veterans Administration is limited to housing and financial assistance.
- J. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to request the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to establish direct services on the Navajo Nation to meet the needs of the Navajo veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. The Navajo Nation respectfully requests the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to establish direct services on the Navajo Nation for Navajo veterans.
- B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, Navajo Nation Washington Office and their designees, to advocate for this request.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 23rd 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 10 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 09th day of November 2018.



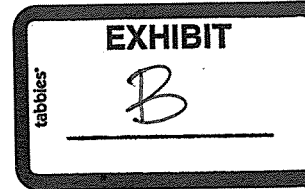
LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairman
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Motioned: Honorable Lee Jack, Sr.
Second : Honorable Leonard H. Pete

Chairman LoRenzo C. Bates not voting

Pursuant to § 700 (D), A quorum of the committee shall be satisfied by the presence of two (2) members of each Standing Committee or a majority of delegates of the Navajo Nation Council.

RESOLUTION OF THE
 NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE
 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2019



AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION, REAFFIRMATION, AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF NABIN-69-18 TITLED "AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES VETERAN AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH DIRECT SERVICES ON THE NAVAJO NATION FOR NAVAJO NATION VETERANS"

WHEREAS

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education and Human Services Committee ("HEHSC") as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered HEHSC to review and recommend resolutions regarding veterans and/or veteran services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 400 (A), 401 (B)(6)(a) (2012). See also CO-45-12.
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- C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United States of America, Treaty of 1868, Aug. 12, 1868, 15 Stat. 667.
- D. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council passed NABIN-69-18 titled "AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES VETERAN AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH DIRECT SERVICES ON THE NAVAJO

NATION FOR NAVAJO NATION VETERANS" and is attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**

- E. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs FY 2018 - 2024 Strategic Plan commits the department to making its electronic and information technologies accessible to individuals with disabilities in accordance with section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (Title 29 U.S.C. § 794d) as amended in 1999.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

- A. The 24th Navajo Nation Council hereby reaffirms NABIN-69-18 as passed by the 23rd Navajo Nation Council.
- B. The Navajo Nation through the 24th Navajo Nation Council respectfully requests the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to establish direct services on the Navajo Nation for Navajo veterans through NABIN-69-18 and this resolution.
- C. The Navajo Nation through the 24th Navajo Nation Council hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, Navajo Washington Office and their designees, to advocate for this request.

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 17 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 28th day of May 2019.


Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Jamie Henio
Second: Honorable Wilson Stewart, Jr.

Chairman Seth Damon not voting

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MOT Charles-Newton		Resolutions NABIN-69-18 and	
SEC James, V		NABIMY-27-19, Requesting the	
		United States Congress and the..	

Yeas : 21	Nays : 0	Excused : 1	Not Voting : 1
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Yea : 21

Begay, E	Daniels	Nez, R	Tso, E
Begay, K	Freeland, M	Slater, C	Tso, O
Begay, P	Halona, P	Smith	Walker, T
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Presiding Speaker: Damon