

RESOLUTION OF THE

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

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING COMMUNICATIONS  
WITH THE UNIONS TO MAINTAIN THE OPERATION OF NAVAJO GENERATING  
STATION BEYOND 2019

WHEREAS:

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee. 2 N.N.C. § 700.
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee has the power to "oversee the conduct of operations of entities of the Navajo Nation not otherwise under the oversight authority of other standing committees, except that such oversight shall not interfere with the prerogative or business decisions of management governing boards." 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(2).
- C. The miners, power plant workers, parents, grandparents and proud members of the Navajo Nation need support of their efforts to keep the Navajo Generating Station operating beyond 2019. See **Exhibit A**.
- D. The Navajo Generating Station and Kayenta Mine are important for Arizona's power and water system, and foundational to the Navajo Nation's economic future.
- E. The Navajo Generating Station owners announced plans to end operation in 2019; however, a process to identify new plant ownership continues and a number of high-caliber investors have expressed interest.
- F. The Navajo Generating Station and Kayenta Mine support over 800 direct jobs and generate revenues supporting over twenty percent (20%) of the Navajo Nation's annual general budget.
- G. The annual direct and indirect economic contribution of the Kayenta Mine is over \$400 million dollars, including wages and benefits, royalties, and other business payments and services.


- H. The Navajo Generating Station and Kayenta Mine create skilled jobs for workers living on the reservation, keeping Navajo families together, and benefitting extended families and the Navajo Nation as a whole.
- I. Keeping the Navajo Generating Station and Kayenta Mine operating beyond 2019 will support schools, government, fire and police services, in addition to the purchase of local goods and services from Navajo businesses.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Navajo Nation supports the Navajo Nation's collaboration with the United Mine Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and supports the union's communication effort to keep the Navajo Generating Station operating well beyond 2019 for the benefit of Navajo Nation families.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 08 in Favor and 04 Opposed, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.



Seth A. Damon, Pro Tem Chairperson  
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Seth A. Damon  
Second: Honorable Otto Tso

Pro Tem Chairperson Damon not voting