

**RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
23rd Navajo Nation Council --- Third Year, 2017**

AN ACTION

**RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, APPROVING THE
PROPOSED AQUIFER PROTECTION REGULATIONS AS SUBMITTED BY THE
NAVAJO NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO BE PART OF THE
NAVAJO NATION PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS UNDER THE
NAVAJO NATION SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT 22 N.N.C. §§2501-2586 AND
THE NAVAJO NATION CLEAN WATER ACT 4 N.N.C. §§ 101-1394**

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

The Resources and Development Committee has oversight over water on the Navajo Nation and the rules and regulations with respect to environmental protection. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500(C), 501(B) (1).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Resources and Development Committee in 2013 directed the Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency, by resolution RDCF-07-13, to draft aquifer protection laws addressing such topics as the lining of sediment ponds, reclamation bonds, and independent studies of aquifers. See Exhibit "A" RDCF-07-13

B. The Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency has submitted revisions to the Primary Drinking Water Regulations in order to protect the aquifers of the Navajo Nation. See Exhibit "B".

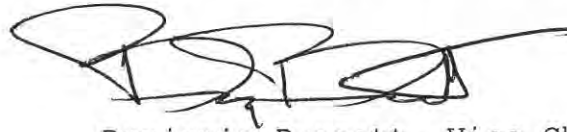
C. The Resources and Development Committee finds it in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to approve the proposed aquifer protection regulations as submitted by the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency to be part of the Navajo Nation Primary Drinking Water Regulations under the Navajo Nation Safe Drinking Water Act, 22 N.N.C. §§ 2501-2586 and the Navajo Nation Clean Water Act 4 N.N.C. §§ 101-1394. See Exhibit "B".

SECTION THREE. Approval

The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves proposed aquifer protection regulations as submitted by the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency to be part of the Navajo Nation Primary Drinking Water Regulations under the Navajo Nation Safe Drinking Water Act, 22 N.N.C. §§ 2501-2586 and the Navajo Nation Clean Water Act 4 N.N.C. §§ 101-1394. See Exhibit "B".

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Navajo Nation Department of Transportation Conference Room, Tse Bonito (Navajo Nation) New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained on this 6th day of June, 2017.



Benjamin Bennett, Vice Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee
of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Leonard Pete
Second: Honorable Jonathan Perry